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GEN. OBREGON IS ASSASSINATED.

MEXICO THROWN INTO TURMOIL.

PRESIDENT-ELECT SHOT AT A BANQUET.

MURDERER CAUGHT.

Mexico City, July 17.

General Obregon, who was elected President of Mexico on the 3rd instant, has been assassinated.

At the election, General Obregon was unopposed and was re-elected for a period of six years, as from December 1st next. He announced that he intended to continue substantially the policy of President Calles.

Details of the assassination show that President-elect Obregon was present at a banquet given in a restaurant outside the city at two o'clock in the afternoon, when he was shot five times in the body.

The assassin was not immediately identified, but he was subsequently arrested.

Country in Turmoil.

Later.

The whole country is in a turmoil over the assassination of General Obregon, who was a wealthy landowner.

After his recent election to the Presidency he received a tremendous public reception on arriving in Mexico City from his home in Sonora on the 15th instant.

The assassination occurred in the town of San Angel, which is twelve miles south of the capital. On hearing of the outrage, President Calles rushed to the scene.

—*Reuter's American Service.*

American Dismay.

Washington, July 17.

General Obregon's regime contemplated the opening of a new era in the relations between the United States and Mexico. Hence the news of his death has created dismay here.

Mr. Kellogg, the Secretary of State, has telegraphed an expression of his grief and sympathy to President Calles.

—*Reuter's American Service.*

Soldier and Politician.

General Alvaro Obregon, Mexican soldier and politician, for many years figured prominently in the affairs of his country and was President once previously. A native of the State of Sonora, he came into prominence in 1915, when he defeated General Villa, who had driven President Carranza out of the capital.

In the Presidential campaign in 1919, General Obregon opposed Senator P. Gonzalez and Senator Bonillas, Carranza's nominees. Carranza invaded Sonora which declared its secession until it could be assured of its sovereignty. The revolt extended and Carranza was isolated in Mexico City. Gen. Huerta who was Governor of Sonora, was then made President by the insurgents.

First Presidential Term.

In May, 1920, Carranza fled from the capital. By order of Gen. Herrero, whose protection he had sought, he was murdered in his sleep, although Obregon had given definite orders that Carranza was to be spared. At the elections on September 6, 1920, General Obregon received 90 per cent. of the votes. He took office on December 1st.

The U.S. delayed recognition of Mexico on account of the outstanding oil question. Obregon's Presidency was marked by his efforts to secure recognition from the Powers. His Government at first refused Americans a treaty to protect their interests. On July 13, 1920, Obregon invited European States having claims to send delegates to a Mexican Claims Commission and negotiations were carried on with a group of international bankers for the funding of the national debt, a settlement being arrived at in 1922.

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DARLINGTON TRAIN DISASTER.

DRIVER OF GOODS ENGINE HELD TO BLAME.

MISTOOK SIGNALS.

London, July 17.

At the resumed inquest to-day on the victims of the Darlington railway smash, a verdict was recorded of "accidental death, due to the error of the driver of the goods train in reading the signal."

Twenty-five persons were killed, including twenty women, in the disaster, which occurred at midnight, the express involved being an excursion train from Scarborough.

The tragedy has been described as the worst on British railways for over 20 years. It will be remembered that the shunting engine's driver, whose error has been declared responsible for the disaster, himself had a miraculous escape from death.

Both engines weighed roughly 80 tons; the excursion train crashed into the goods engine at 50 miles per hour, and yet the shunting engine was hardly damaged. The driver was hurled clear without injury of any sort, and picked himself up to assist in the work of rescue.

ALSATIAN AGITATORS PARDONED.

ACT OF CLEMENCY SIGNED BY M. POINCARÉ.

Paris, July 17.

M. Poincaré has signed a decree pardoning Rosse, Schall and Prescheuer, who were among those sentenced at Colmar in connexion with the Alsatian Autonomist agitation.

Dr. Ricklin, an elected Deputy, now in prison in the same connexion, and who has appealed against the sentence does not benefit from the Act of Clemency as his sentence is not finally settled.

—*Reuter.*

RATING RELIEF BILL PASSES COMMONS.

DESIGNED TO THE REDUCTION OF UNEMPLOYMENT.

London, July 17.

The Rating Relief Bill which has occupied the attention of the House of Commons for some time, passed its third reading by 326 votes to 128 to-day.

The Bill embodies the recommendations made by Mr. Winston Churchill in his Budget speech, and Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Minister of Health, winding up the debate, maintained that the rating scheme would reduce unemployment and assist trade in the return to prosperity.

—*Reuter.*

TO COMBAT A DREAD SCOURGE.

ANONYMOUS DONOR GIVES £50,000.

London, July 17.

The fund inaugurated two years ago when H.R.H. The Prince of Wales issued an appeal for £100,000 on behalf of the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis has now been closed, the appeal meeting with marked success.

The Marchioness of Titchfield has announced that over £60,000 has been collected by public subscription, and that she to-day received a cheque for £50,000 from an anonymous donor.

—*Reuter.*

FIVE MILES RAILWAY TUNNEL.

IMPORTANT FRANCO-SPANISH PROJECT COMPLETE.

Paris, July 17.

With the opening to-morrow of the five mile Somport Tunnel from France to Spain, the Franco-Spanish project will at least be linked, up by a railway line through the Pyrenees.

President Doumergue will meet King Alfonso at Canfranc, which will be the international station, for the inaugural ceremony, both returning through the tunnel to French territory.

—*Reuter.*

A GRIM BIRTHDAY PARTY.

AMERICAN FRIENDS & AMUNDSEN.

"KRASSIN" OFFER TO SEARCH FOR OTHERS MISSING.

REFUSED BY ITALY?

Los Angeles, July 17.

A birthday commemoration poignantly reflecting on the Italian disaster at the North Pole, was faithfully carried out here to-day as the result of a promise made to Captain Roald Amundsen, when the last explorer last visited Los Angeles.

At a table set for three sat a local lawyer, Mr. John Murphy, and the well-known explorer, Mr. Hankin Hammer, the latter an erstwhile companion of Amundsen on several of his Arctic journeys.

The third chair in the place of honour was vacant and was draped with the Norwegian flag.

Captain Amundsen, who has been missing for over a month, was born in Norway on July 16th, 1872, and had asked his two Los Angeles friends to celebrate his fifty-sixth birthday at dinner "regardless of where I am."

—*Reuter's American Service.*

Food "Cache" Left.

Moscow, July 17.

The Soviet Committee directing the "Italia" rescue work has instructed the ice-breaker "Malyguin" to leave fuel and food supplies on King Charles Island in case the castaways of the Alessandri and Amundsen parties should reach the island.

The Committee proposes that the "Krassin" which has been so wonderfully successful so far, shall pay a short visit to Advent Bay for more fuel and supplies, and shall then be employed as a base-ship for Captain Tehukovsky, the airman, to continue his search of the iceberg covered sea for traces of Alessandri and Amundsen.

—*Reuter.*

Soviet Offer Declined?

Stockholm, July 17.

The head of the Swedish Expedition at Spitzbergen reports that General Noble has received an offer from the Russian ice-breaker "Krassin" that she is ready to organise a search for the wreck of the "Italia" and for the Alessandri party, but he states that the Italian Government is not inclined to accept the offer.

The "Krassin" has now proceeded to Advent Bay.

Sympathy for Mrs. Malmgren.

Professor Malmgren's mother has been inundated with messages of sympathy and admiration for her son's heroic end.

General Noble has telegraphed Mrs. Malmgren via the newspaper *Aftonbladet* keenly regretting the loss of an admirable man and scientist.

—*Reuter.*

Moscow, July 17.

Professor Samoilovitch, the leader of the rescuers on board the "Krassin" has announced that scientific data in connexion with the voyages of the "Krassin" and "Malyguin" will be published a month after their return.

Krassin Leaders Invited to U.S.

Mr. Charles Smith, the vice-president of the Russo-American Chamber of Commerce, who is at present in Moscow, has communicated with the Commissariat for Foreign Affairs, expressing the Chamber's admiration for the courage and self-sacrifice displayed by the "Italia" Rescue Expedition on the "Krassin", and extending an invitation to Samoilovitch and Tehukovsky on behalf of Mr. Schley, the President of the Chamber, to visit the United States as the guests of the Chamber.

—*Reuter.*

In a Bear's Stomach.

Roma, July 17.

A message from King's Bay states that when members of Noble's party, after the crash of the "Italia" cut up by a bear which had been shot by Professor Malmgren.

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PRESIDENT LINER TRAGEDY.

ALARMING MISHAP TO CREW OF LIFEBOAT.

A STUDENT'S SUICIDE.

Considerable excitement prevailed on the President Grant in Japanese waters a week ago, as the result of an alarming mishap to a lifeboat, which was being lowered in rescue of a Chinese student who had jumped overboard, according to a report made by the master of the liner on arrival in Hongkong yesterday.

The incident occurred at six o'clock in the morning of July 10th, Louis Kwok Hong jumping overboard when the vessel was between Yokohama and Kobe.

Immediately the alarm was given, a boat containing three seamen and the Second Officer was ordered to be lowered, but, in the process, a jam in the running-gear up-ended the boat, the four men being thrown into the water.

The President Grant was immediately swung round to clear the struggling men of the propeller swirl, and they were eventually rescued uninjured after being in the water for ten minutes, hampered by heavy clothes and boots.

The suicide disappeared in the confusion and, although search was continued, was never seen again.

It is understood that Louis Kwok Hong was of a good family, and was completing his studies in Japan after graduating from Peking University. Following the Tsinan incident, he was arrested for making inflammatory speeches and was placed on the President Grant as a deportee to Hongkong, by order of the Japanese authorities.

It is thought the youth took his life rather than face the disgrace of landing under such circumstances.

MYSTERY OF BRITISH OFFICER'S END.

INVESTIGATION TO BE HELD AT PEKING.

London, July 17.

The mysterious disappearance of Lieut. T. S. Knowles, of the East Yorkshire Regiment, in the July wastes round Peking last year, formed the subject of questions in the House of Commons to-day.

Mr. G. Locker-Lampson, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said that His Majesty's Legation at Peking made no objection to Lieut. Knowles' visit into the interior as the district was then quite peaceful.

The outbreak of hostilities in October occurred suddenly without warning of any description.

It was hoped to investigate the circumstances of his death on the spot as soon as conditions sufficiently improved to permit of a thorough enquiry.

—*Reuter.*

BRITAIN'S WIN AT BISLEY.

SECURES EMPIRE CHALLENGE CUP.

London, July 17.

At Bisley, the Empire Challenge Cup was won by Britain. The scores were:

Britain	2,203
Australia	2,186
India	2,174
Canada	2,156

—*Reuter.*

NEW BRITISH CRUISER.

H.M.S. YORK LAUNCHED BY DUCHESS.

London, July 17.

H.R.H. the Duchess of York, accompanied by the Duke, launched the first of the new "B" Class cruisers at Jarrow-on-Tyne.

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HARBOUR PIRACY RECALLED.

SEQUEL TO \$30,000 GOLD THEFT.

LAUNCH STOKER SENT TO PRISON.

THREE-YEAR TERM.

An attempt to implicate the coxswain of the Wo Fat Shing launch in the robbery which took place on the vessel last October was made at the Criminal Sessions this morning by the stoker who was arraigned on a charge of robbery by two or more.

The case arises out of the incident on October 12 last year when the launch, carrying a gold shipment to the S. S. Prominent, was pirated in the harbour and beached at North Point.

The stoker, Au Shiu, was to-day charged, before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, with the theft of 600 taels of gold, and various other articles, including money, two watches and a bunch of keys.

Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., appeared for the Crown prisoner not being legally represented and pleading "Not guilty."

600 Gold Bars.

Opening the case, Mr. Alabaster said that 600 gold bars, of a total value of \$30,000, were stolen in the robbery. Witnesses would say that the gold bars were being shipped by the S. S. Prominent to Saigon.

On the evening of October 12, the bars were wrapped in cotton burlap which were first placed in wooden boxes and then in a large tin box. The latter was carried in the Wo Fat Shing launch by folk of the company, and soon after the launch left the wharf for the Prominent the prisoner and two other men made an attack on the rest of the party. The other members of the crew were driven down to the hold, where they were tied and gagged.

The prisoner took an active part in this, holding the light and helping the other two men to tie up the crew. There was also some evidence that he carried a weapon, but it was not essential for the crime with which prisoner was charged that this should be proved.

Launch Run Aground.

The launch was put aground near the Min Yuen Gardens at North Point. The members of the crew freed themselves and found that the prisoner and the two other men taking part in the attack had vanished, together with the gold.

The prisoner was not found until some months later, when he was in Chinese custody. He was brought to Hongkong and charged at the Police Station, where he made a statement in which he said he had been forced to take part in the robbery.

The manager of the Wo Fat Shing firm described how the gold was bought and packed for shipment by the S. S. Prominent. The prisoner had been a stoker on the company's launch for a little over three months.

Prisoner Recognised.

A folk of the firm who took the gold to the launch and boarded the vessel, described how, while the launch was in the harbour, a man appeared behind him holding a revolver. Witness, together with other folk, was driven forward, recognising the prisoner and two other men as taking part in the affair. When the folk had been taken below, the prisoner took a lamp down and also helped in the binding and gagging.

The coxswain of the Wo Fat Shing said the chief engineer and the prisoner pointed firearms at him and pushed him down into the hold. Prisoner denied pointing a revolver at him as witness, in reply to questions by his Lordship, said he was not sure whether the weapon was a revolver or a dagger.

Prisoner suggested that the coxswain had taken part in the robbery, supplying material such as gag, wire, etc. Witness denied this allegation.

After the Crown case had been completed, the prisoner was told that he could make a statement from the dock, give evidence on

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THE BOMBAY MILL STRIKE.

EFFORT TO END SIX-MONTH DISPUTE.

CONCILIATION BOARD.

Bombay, July 17.

The Municipal Corporation has, by 27 votes to 11, passed a resolution asking the Bombay Government to appoint a Conciliation Board to settle at the earliest possible moment the Bombay mill strike which began in January.

The result of recent negotiations with the millowners was disclosed on June 23rd by the labour leader who, addressing a strikers' meeting, said the draft rules for standardisation prepared by the owners were wholly unacceptable to labour leaders and owners committed a breach of the promise made to the Governor of Bombay by refusing to raise wages. Compromise, therefore, was impossible and the speaker appealed to His Excellency to intervene immediately to settle the starving strikers would get out of hand. Other speakers spoke in a similar vein and complained that the standardisation proposed by the owners was too one-sided.

According to one report, the rules aim at a levelling process whereby certain classes of workers will get increased wages while others will receive lower wages.

COMMUNISTS ATTACK POLICE.

WILD SCENES AT BERLIN RAILWAY STATION.

Berlin, July 17.

Wild scenes occurred at a Berlin railway station to-day when a clash occurred between the police and a large crowd of Communists. The extremists had assembled at the station to greet a number of Communist prisoners who had been released under a recent amnesty decree, but for some reason they did not arrive as expected.

The disappointed mob then attacked the Police with sticks and stones, the Police replying with a baton charge, which quickly dispersed the crowd. Eight persons were slightly injured in the melee.

—*Reuter.*

SHOCKING SWARAJIST ARTICLE.

INDIAN EDITOR FACES SERIOUS CHARGE.

Calcutta, July 17.

As a sequel to the railway disaster last week, when eighteen passengers were killed in a derailment at Howrah, M. Brebakhshi, the editor of the Swarajist newspaper *Forward*, has been charged before the Chief Presidency Magistrate with promoting class hatred among His Majesty's subjects.

Brebakhshi published an article alleging that Indians injured in the disaster were searched and killed by men acting under the instruction of a European.

—*Reuter.*

THE ANTI-WAR PACT.

MR. KELLOGG LIKELY TO VISIT EUROPE.

Paris, July 17.

M. Briand has indicated that Mr. F. B. Kellogg, the U. S. Secretary of State, will most probably visit Europe on the occasion of the signing of the Anti-War Pact.

—*Reuter.*

TANGIER'S STATUS.

NEW FOUR-POWER TREATY INITIALED.

Paris, July 17.

M. Berthelot, the General Secretary of the Foreign Office, and the British, Spanish and Italian Ambassadors have initialed the new Treaty defining the international position of Tangier.

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PHENOMENAL HIGH SCORING.

BRILLIANT CRICKET ACHIEVEMENTS.

SUTCLIFFE MAKES TWO 100'S AT TRENT BRIDGE.

BOWLERS' SAD FLIGHT.

Phenomenal scoring on perfect wickets was largely responsible for the fact that three of the matches concluded yesterday could not be brought to a definite conclusion.

At Trent Bridge and at Blackheath, where four of the "Six Six" were involved; Kent and Yorkshire both exceeded 600 runs in the first innings of the match.

The most notable individual performance was that of Sutcliffe, the Test cricketer, who accomplished the rare feat of scoring two separate hundreds in a match, the Nottingham bowlers being his victims.

In Yorkshire's second innings, Sutcliffe and Holmes, the opening pair, both made centuries and batted till stumps were drawn without being separated. Yorkshire actually scored 730 runs against the Nottingham bowlers for the loss of only 7 wickets.

Brilliant cricket was seen at Blackheath where an aggregate of 1,240 runs were scored between Surrey and Kent, for the loss of 25 wickets. Ames, the Kent wicket-keeper, made 200 exactly in Kent's first innings.

Lancashire improved their position, via a visit by Kent by an innings victory over Hampshire.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE.

Lancashire defeated Hampshire by an innings and 20 runs. Sussex beat Essex by 150 runs. Kent won on the first innings v. Surrey. Yorkshire won on the first innings v. Nottingham. Northants won on the first innings v. Glamorgan. Leicester defeated Gloucester by six wickets. Warwick defeated the West Indies by seven wickets.

HONOURS LIST.

The principal individual performances were as follows:

Batting.

Sutcliffe (Yorkshire) 111 and 100*

Ames (Kent) 200

Sandham (Surrey) 179

Whysall (Notts) 160

Parsons (Warwick) 161

Tate (Sussex) 126

Watson (Lancashire) 121

Oldroyd (Yorkshire) 119

Dipper (Gloucester) 107

W. C. Brown (Northants) 105*

Davies D. (Glamorgan) ... 103

P. G. H. Fender (Surrey) ... 101

J. E. Timms (Northants) ... 101

Holmes (Yorkshire) 101*

Cutmore (Essex) 101

* Not Out.

Bowling.

Astill (Leicester) 8 for 81

A. W. Speed (Warwick) 5 for 39

MacDonald (Lancs.) 5 for 64

NOTTS' BOWLING IMPOTENT.

Yorkshire Make Brilliant Show at Trent Bridge.

Yorkshire completely mastered the Nottingham bowlers at Trent Bridge, scoring 620 runs in the first innings for the loss of seven wickets, and making 210 in their second innings without loss.

The hero of the match was Herbert Sutcliffe, England's opening batsman, who made two separate centuries, the second not out. It is the third time in his brilliant career that he has performed the feat, the previous occasions being:

176 and 127 v. Australia at Melbourne in 1924-25.

107 and 100 v. M.C.C. at Scarborough in 1926.

Incidentally, it is the first time this season that such an accomplishment has been recorded. Yorkshire won easily on the first innings, the scores being:

Yorkshire: 520 for 7 wickets (dec.) and 210 for 0 wicket.

Notts: 350.

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**PRINCIPAL STRUCTURES
LAST YEAR.**

The following is taken from the Public Works Department report for 1927:

Principal Works of a Private Nature.—The following blocks of business premises, etc., in the City were completed during the year:

Exchange Building—Shop, Restaurant and Office Block—on M.L. 7, Sec. A, Des Voeux Road, Central.

St. Paul's Girls' School on I.L. 2459, Macdonnell Road.

The following blocks of business premises, etc., in the City were in course of erection:

Shops, and Office Block, on I.L. 619, Sec. B, R.P., Queen's Road, Central.

Building for the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home on I.L. 2616, Praya East.

European Flats on I.L. 2483, May Road.

The following is a list of the principal works in other parts of the City and outlying districts which were completed during the year:

13 Chinese houses on M.L.'s 42 and 43 Lee Tung Street.

98 Chinese houses on M.L. 365, and I.L.'s 29 and 457, Percival Street, etc., (East Point Hill.)

Theatre—"Lee Theatre"—on I.L. 1452, Percival Street and Sharp Street, East.

Church, School and Quarters on I.L. 2550, See Kun Po.

Sugar Refinery on Q.B.M.L. 1, Quarry Bay.

Refined Sugar Godown on Q.B.M.L. 1, Quarry Bay.

Filter House on Q.B.M.L. 2, Quarry Bay.

Garbage Incinerator and Wash House on Q.B.L. 8, Quarry Bay.

Godown on S.I.L.'s 503 and 504, Main Street, Shau Ki Wan.

Hotel on M.L. 230, Sec. A, etc., Connaught Road, West.

Hotel on M.L. 325, Connaught Road, Central, Des Voeux Road, Central, and Morrison Street.

Restaurant on I.L. 834, Sec. B, s.s. 2, Queen's Road, West.

2 Godowns (Ground floor) on M.L. 187, Secs. G and H, French Street.

1 Godown (Ground floor) on M.L. 302, Des Voeux Road, West.

10 Chinese houses on M.L. 239, R.P., Belcher's Street.

25 Chinese houses on M.L. 239 and I.L. 1355, Hee Wong Terrace and Holland Street.

School on R.B.L. 51, Pokfulam.

A large garage and quarters on A.I.L. 97, Aberdeen.

A number of garages and sub-stations in various districts.

Being Erected.

The following is a list of the principal works in other parts of the City and outlying districts which were in course of erection:

A Godown on M.L.'s 113 and 114, Wanchai Road, was demolished, and the erection thereon of 6 Chinese houses (flats) were almost completed.

A Godown on M.L.'s 113 and 114, Praya East, was demolished and a new one was in course of erection.

A Godown on I.L. 2623, Praya East.

The demolition and rebuilding of old property on I.L. 499 and M.L.'s 271 and 283, Tin Lok Lane, Praya East, Bowring Road, and Wanchai Road.

Site formation and retaining walls on I.L. 1940 and extension, Broadwood Road, and Caroline Road, was in progress.

A large extension to the Generating Station of The Hongkong Electric Co. Ltd., on M.L. 321, North Point.

Dyeworks on Crown Land near S.I.L. 527, Sai Wan Ho.

Rebuilding of Ko Shing Theatre on M.L. 58 R.P., Queen's Road West.

Theatre on I.L.'s 48, R.P., and 601, R.P., Queen's Road, Central, and Circular Pathway.

Girl's School on I.L. 590, Bonham Road.

Extension to The Netherlands

TWO CHINESE WILLS.

**ESTATE OF LOCAL TEA
HOUSE OWNER.**

Two small local estates have recently been dealt with by the Supreme Court. One concerns the property of Kwok King-ku, otherwise known as Kwok King-ku, who died at Tung Kau Village, Pun U District, on February 11, this year, leaving Hongkong estate to the value of \$9,000.

Probate has been granted to Kwok Ping-hok and Loung Yat-cho, applicants, both living at 18 Des Voeux Road, West. They are entrusted with the management of two businesses, the Chung Wah and Fu Lan tea houses, the former at 18 Des Voeux Road, West, and the latter at 80 Queen's Road, West, until the deceased's son shall attain his majority. The will directs that in the meantime the profits shall be paid out monthly to the widow and son.

Kwong, Mi-tak, married woman who died at 14 Sap Luk Po Street, Canton, on March 16, this year, left estate in Hongkong worth \$8,500, for which letters of administration have been granted to her husband, Wong Man-ang, compradore, Exchange Building, fourth floor. She died intestate and is not survived by any children.

Hospital on I.L.'s 590 and 1897, Bonham Road.

Site formation for 22 European houses on I.L. 2302, Stubbs Road, was nearing completion. Two houses were completed.

Site formation for 28 European houses on I.L. 2354, Stubbs Road, was nearing completion. Three houses were completed and one was in course of erection.

A block of 24 European flats on R.B.L. 78, Stubbs Road, (Hill District), near the Peak Hotel, was roofed in, and the interior work was in progress.

Site development for 28 European houses on R.B.L. 245, Deep Water Bay, was nearing completion. Roads were completed and sewage drains almost completed.

Kowloon Work.

The following is a list of the principal works in the Kowloon district which were completed during the year:

Godown on K.M.L. 11, Canton Road.

Garage on K.I.L. 2087, Nathan Road.

Cinematograph Theatre on K.I.L.'s 1778 and 1930, Canton Road and Reclamation Street, Mong Kok Tsi.

Knitting Factory on K.M.L. 60, R.P., Pitt Street, Mong Kok Tsi.

Shui Yut Kung Temple on K.I.L. 1974, Hak Po Street and Shantung Street, Mong Kok Tsi.

Cinematograph Theatre on N.K.I.L. 992 and 1006, Lai Chi Kok Road.

Sugar Boiling Sheds on K.M.L. 77, Chung Hing Street, Fuk Tsun Heung.

Girls' School on K.I.L. 2024, Shek Shan Road.

Nunnery on N.K.I.L. 1007, Ngau Shi Wan.

Godown and Workshops on K.I.L. 1404, Mok Cheong Street, Ma Tau Kok.

Dyeworks on Lot 7162, S.D. 1, Sec. A, Chuk Un.

Ginger Factory on Farm Lot 668, S.D. 4, Tai Po Road.

Vermilion Factory on Lot 1055, S. D. 3, Lyemun.

60 European houses on the Kau Lung Tong Estate.

A number of garages and sub-stations in various districts.

In Course of Erection.

The following is a list of the principal works in the Kowloon district which were in course of erection:

Work on the "Peninsula Hotel" on K.I.L. 1461, Salisbury Road, was about to be resumed at the end of the year. The building was in the occupation of the Military Authorities during the greater part of the year.

Cinematograph Theatre on K.I.L. 570 R.P., Nathan Road.

School—"Ying Wah College"—on K.I.L. 1784, Bute Street and

OPIUM SUPPRESSION.

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
DECLARES ITS POLICY.**

Mr. Garfield Huang, the Secretary of the National Anti-Opium Association, has set forth the policy of the Association in a memorandum to the Nanking Government.

The following ten points are emphasized:

(1) To organize a National Opium Suppression Committee to undertake the full responsibility for the total suppression of opium in China, the Committee to consist of representatives of the people.

(2) To cancel the present opium suppression policy, and to introduce, one by the National Opium Suppression Committee.

(3) To use the income obtained from opium suppression for educational works, and not for any other purpose.

(4) To abolish the system of opium monopoly and the licensed opium companies.

(5) To enforce the regulation for the registration of addicts and compel them to drop their habits within a limited time.

(6) To establish amelioration hospitals throughout China.

(7) To conduct an investigation of the condition of morphine and other narcotic drugs in China for the purpose of disclosing all the facts to the forthcoming International Opium Conference.

(8) To severely punish those officials who encourage the cultivation of poppy or who are lenient in the discharge of their duty to suppress opium.

(9) To prohibit poppy cultivation in every province beginning from this year.

(10) To dismiss and punish all the military and civil authorities who are found to deal in opium or who are addicted to opium smoking.

At Nanking, Mr. Garfield Huang held a long conversation with Mr. Hsieh Tu-pi, Minister of Home Affairs, and Gen. New Yung Chien, Commissioner of the Nationalist Government, regarding the question of opium suppression. Both Mr. Hsieh and Gen. New said that the Nationalist Government had decided to revise the present opium suppression policy and take a substantial step to effect a total suppression of opium in China in accordance with the recommendations set forth by the National Anti-Opium Association.

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JUDGE'S DISMISSAL.

**DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE
AGAINST JUDGE LOO.**

The long expected decision by the question of the legality of the Kiangsu Government's recent order dismissing Judge Loo Helang-yun from the Presidency of the Shanghai Provisional Court was made known in Nanking by the Committee of the Disciplinary Punishment of Judicial Officials according to local Chinese papers.

The exact terms of the decision have not yet been published, but it is understood by the Chinese press that the Committee found the order of the Provincial Government valid, on the ground that three of the five charges have been substantiated.

A Biased Investigator.

Exactly on what evidence these charges have been proved, apart from the allegation of the Provincial Government and Mr. Liang Jen-chie, one time Judge of the Provincial Court, our Chinese contemporary is also not yet informed, but it is significant to note that the decision was arrived at directly after the report of Mr. Liang Chun-ih, secretary to the Disciplinary Committee, had been received. Mr. Liang came to Shanghai last Monday to conduct the official investigation and spent exactly five hours at the Provisional Court examining various documents regarding the case.

Mr. Liang is the author of an article published in the "Contemporary Review," a Chinese weekly of June 30, which expresses violent views antagonistic to the Provisional Court and to Judge Loo. It is obviously most improper that a body of the supposed standing of the Disciplinary Committee should employ a man so clearly prejudiced to conduct the investigation.

Farce to Cheat the Consuls.

Of course the proceeding has from beginning to end been a farce, performed to make a pretence of satisfying the requirements of certain treaty stipulations. It is a well known fact that the Consuls had insisted that no dismissal of Mr. Loo could be recognized unless and until the regular legal procedure had been properly applied.

The Government accordingly made haste to publish a new set of rules for the Committee of Disciplinary Punishment of Judicial Officials, widely different from the old ordinance of 1915 both in the provision for the composition of the Committee and in the scope of its discretionary powers. This was because they had found that the charges preferred against Mr. Loo both then and now, even if they were proved, would not warrant the punishment of dismissal under the old ordinance.

In this way it was made possible for the Government to claim that it had lived up to the letter of the law totally regardless of the spirit essential to justice in all civilized countries, that one cannot make a new law to suit a particular case.

In an interview with a high official of the Provincial Court a representative of the North-China Daily News was told that no official notification as to the decision has been received but that the news came as a shock to all.

Charges Trumpery and Untrue.

Of the five charges made against Judge Loo four had been resurrected from those on which it was sought to evict him last October, and were implicitly quashed by the Nanking Government's suppression of the whole attack; while the fifth, accusing him of being responsible for the congestion at the Provisional Court was, in every particular, the exact reverse of the truth.

A more scandalous story, or one reflecting greater discredit on everybody concerned, except Judge Loo, it would be difficult to imagine.

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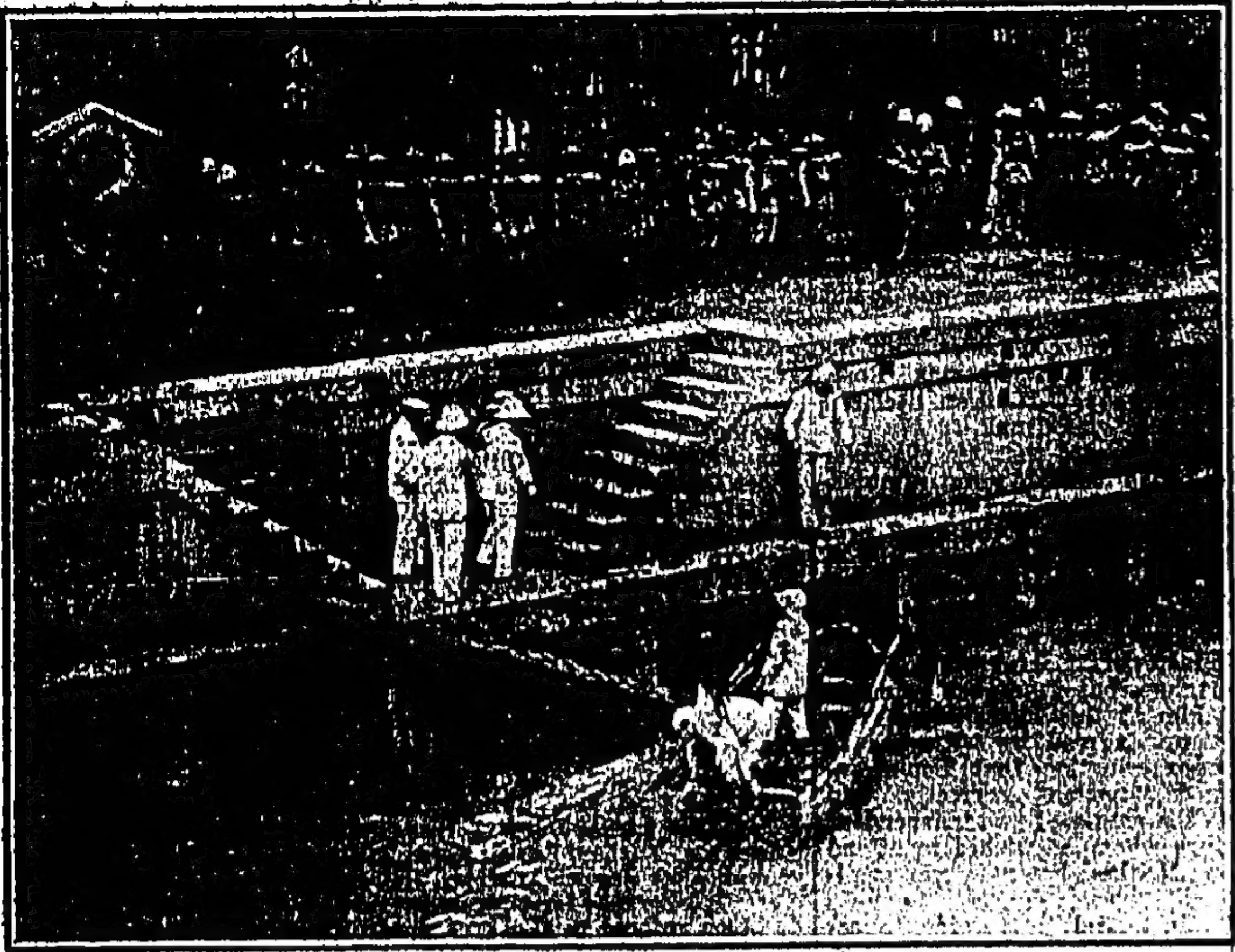
LIFSEN GUZZ—OUR NAG'S FEELIN' BETTER NOW—WHAT DO YA SAY WE WIND UP TH' HORSE'S NAME CONTEST NEXT WEEK—AN' IN TH' MEANTIME, WE'LL PUT TH' HORSE BACK IN DELIVERY SERVICE AN' MAKE HIM EARN SOME O' TH' DOUGH HE'S COST US?

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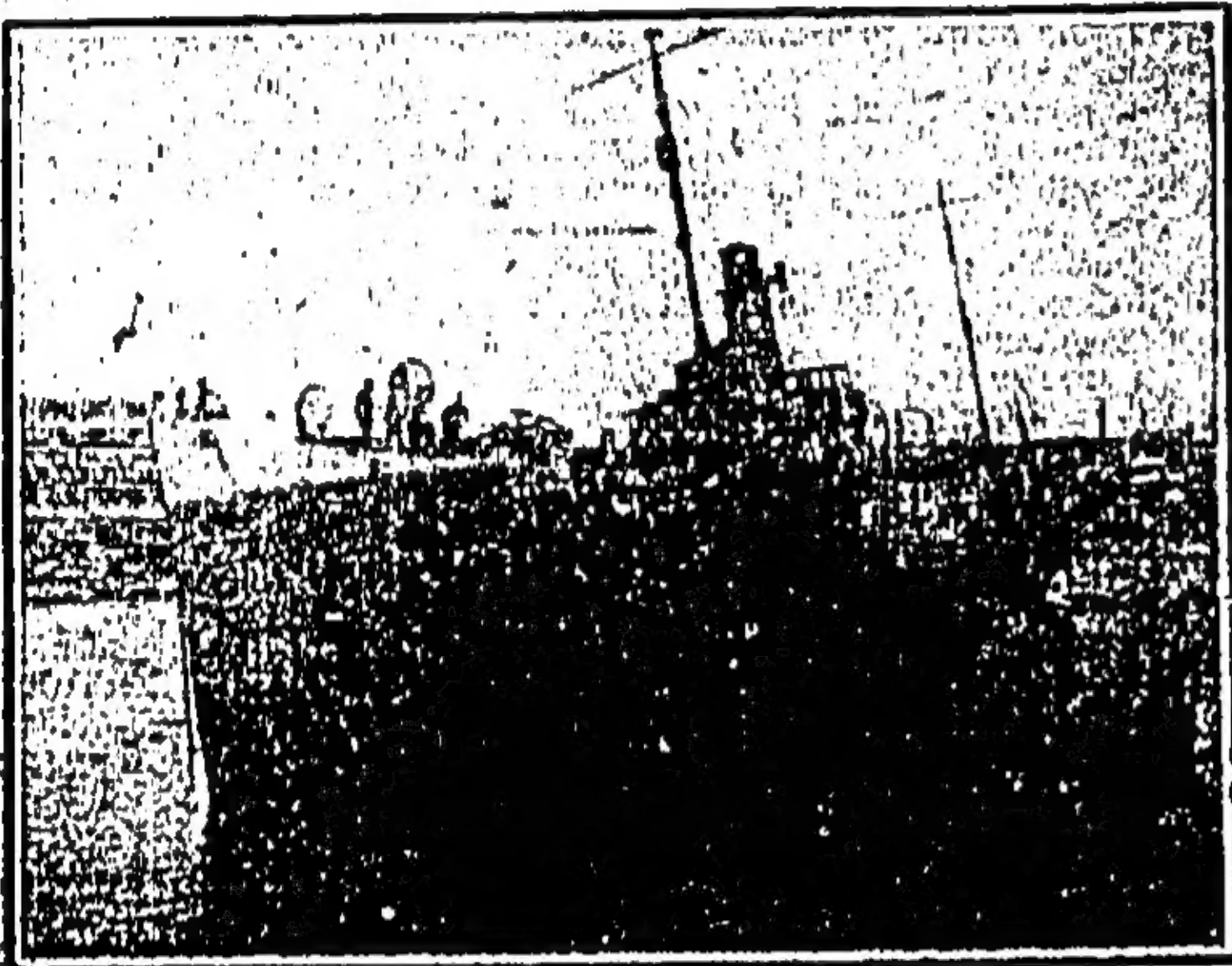
HE'S HITTING ON ALL FOUR!!



Admiral Stotz, met by Colonel Tillot, O. C. the French in Tientsin, and M. Saussine, French Consul, and saluted by Annamite troops, on his arrival in Tientsin, which port he visited in the course of the present cruise in the Gulf of Chihli of his flagship, the Jules Michelet.



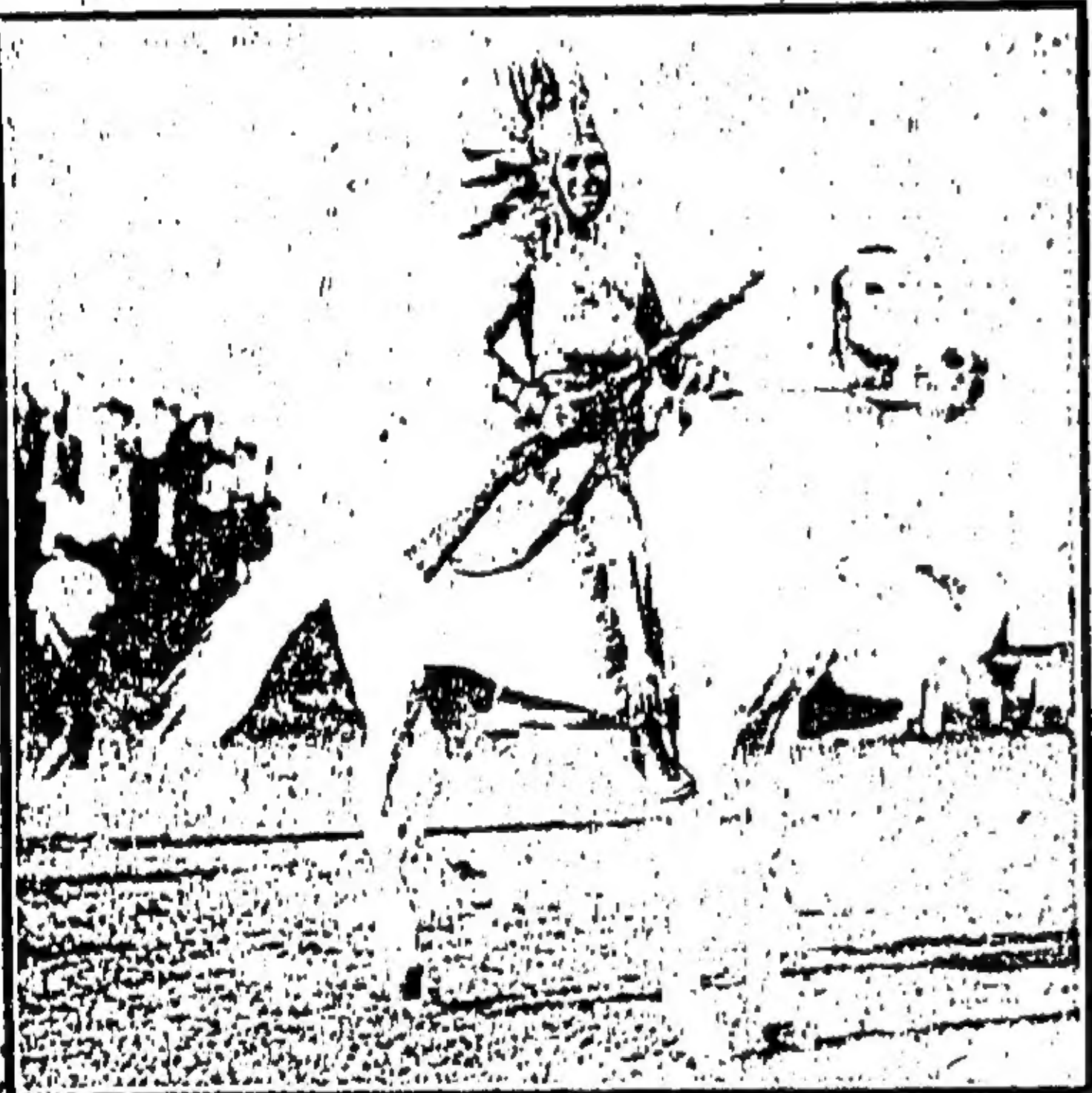
Mr. Longby Ling, graduate of New York University and now chief accountant in the Department of Education of the Municipality of Greater Shanghai, and his bride, Miss Mary Cheung, whose wedding took place recently.



The s.s. Ormonde, in which Admiral Stotz made the trip from Tangku to Tientsin, recently grounded in such a manner that both screws are out of the water.



Some of the spectators who turned out in large numbers to view the baseball match, a feature of the July 4 celebrations in Shanghai.



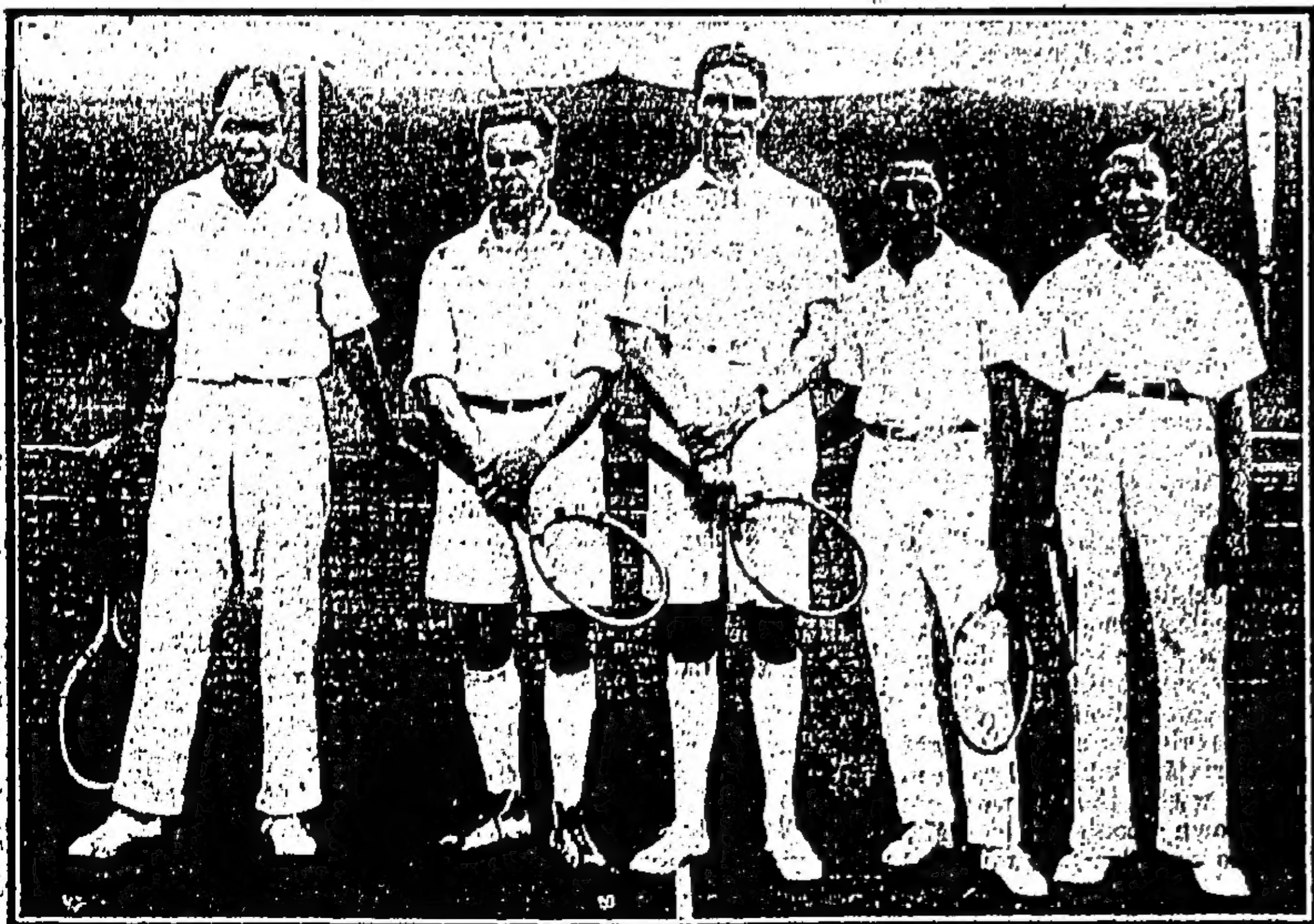
In feathered head-dress and armed with a rifle, above is seen one of the Indian braves who took part in the Shanghai Rodeo, on July 4.



Only it happens to be a donkey. One of the mirth-provoking items in the July Fourth Rodeo. The clown is Privates B. W. Jones and P. P. Ryan.



Sergeant N. B. Hazeltine, chief of the cowboys, at the Shanghai Rodeo.



The tennis team from Tientsin which met Shanghai for interport honours just recently. Left to right:—Messrs. C. L. Shih, V. A. Yacolevsky, A. K. Murray, A. L. Rumjahn, and Omar Rumjahn, the two latter being well-known in Hongkong.



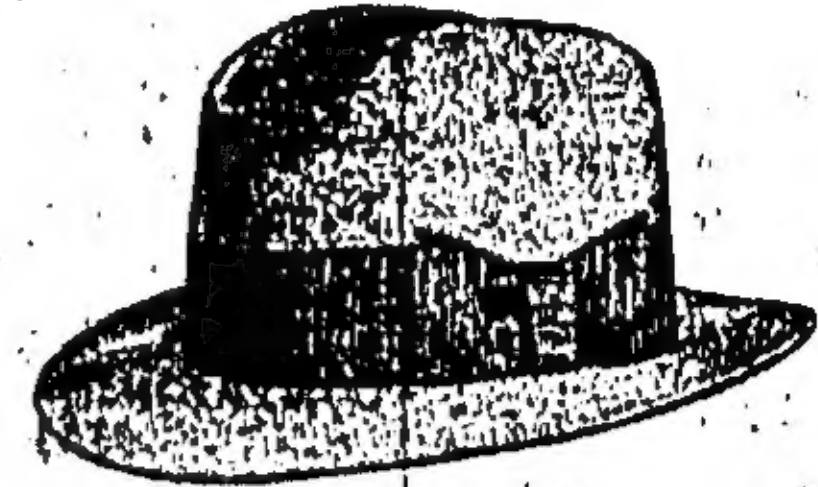
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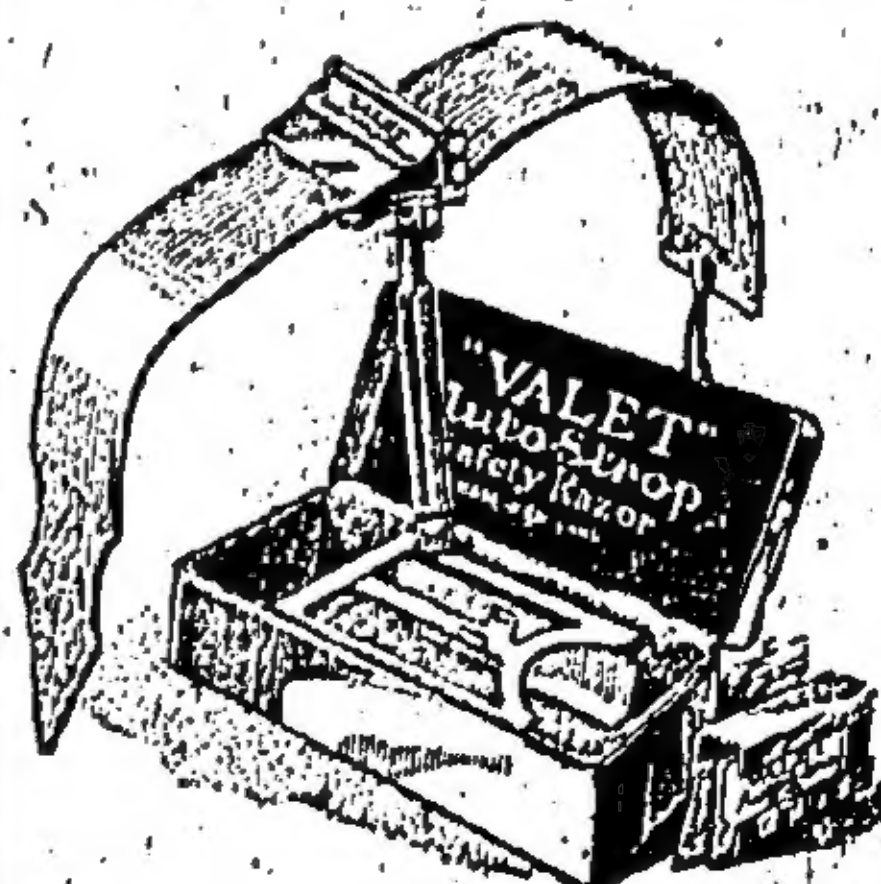
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TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

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Singapore Tractions, 11/3 n.

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3.—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4.—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page of this issue.

POLICE SURGEONS DISAGREE.

JOCKEY-MOTORIST ACQUITTED ON DRINK CHARGE.

Frederick Charles Esplin, aged 40, a jockey, living at Baywater, charged at London Sessions recently with having been drunk in charge of a motor-car, was found not guilty and discharged.

Two police constables, an inspector, and Dr. Thomas Rose, police surgeon, C Division, declared that Esplin was drunk.

Dr. Rose said that his examination lasted about seven minutes. Esplin refused to stand with his feet together and "walk the line," protesting against having to stand to examination when he was sober. Inspector Saunders said that when Esplin was asked who would stand as surety, he replied "Steve Donoghue, but I am not going to call him at this hour."

It was agreed by witnesses in cross-examination that Esplin answered questions correctly, and gave the names of two independent doctors whom he wished to attend him. Neither, however, was available.

Esplin stated that owing to accidents he now only rode a little in training. Steve Donoghue was a personal friend of his and lived only about half a mile from the scene of the accident. He did not like bothering him so early in the morning.

"A Miserable Life."

Mr. H. W. Wilberforce (Deputy Chairman)—But jockeys are early risers, aren't they?—They are as a rule.

Esplin added that because of his profession he only had one meal a day—dinner in the evening—and sometimes he had an orange or a biscuit in the morning. He was a non-smoker and drank very little.

"What a miserable life?" commented Mr. Wilberforce, amid laughter.

Dr. M. J. Flinnane, police surgeon, A Division, said that he considered Dr. Rose's examination was too short, that it was confined to symptoms which were common to disease or accident, and that he had not come to the real point—the man's mental condition. Esplin was suffering from the effects of racing accidents, and symptoms of his complaint would be accentuated by the smallest amount of alcohol.

The jury, after a brief consultation, found Esplin not guilty.

A LISZT FESTIVAL, BUDAPEST CONSIDERS A NEW PROPOSAL.

An important scheme by which Budapest will take its place beside Dayreuth and Salzburg as a town consecrated to the memory of a particular composer and the performance of his works is being discussed. Should all the points be settled it is probable that the first "Liszt Festival" will take place at Budapest next year.

The plans for the annual Liszt Festival, include the construction of an arena to hold three thousand, which can be enclosed in unfavourable weather conditions. It is proposed to hold the Festival during the month of June, and other attractions, including sports contests, will be arranged for the entertainment of visitors and foreigners. The programme of music will include the performance of the "Christ Oratorium," the "Legend of St. Elizabeth," and a ballet-pantomime to music selected from the Rhapsodies.

Concerts will be given at which conductors and pianists of international renown will be invited to perform. These will include the "Faust" and "Dante" symphonies, as well as works by prominent Hungarian composers.

As the scheme of holding an annual Liszt Festival has been originated and elaborated by Miklos Radnay, the Director of the Opera, there is every reason to predict artistic and financial success.

DISCONTENTED JOURNALISTS.

FASCIST PRESIDENT AND HIS EMPLOYEES.

Some journalist, recently upon the staff of *Il Lavoro d'Italia*, the syndicalist paper edited and partly owned by Rossini, are publishing their grievances in a Turin paper, *Il Torinese*. They accuse him of breaking the journalist's contract because he has dismissed them without the proper indemnity. They say that, as President of the Fascist Workers' Syndicates, he is always eager to fight any industrialists who fall to keep contracts with their workers, while his own people he is ready to throw to one side like squeezed lemons.

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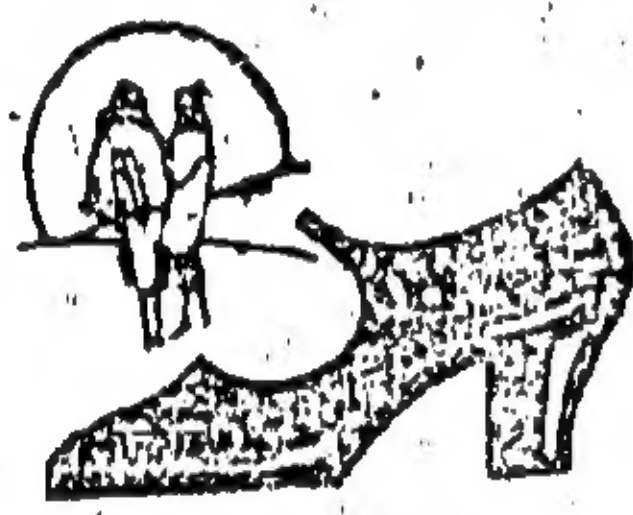
The guiding principle of the scheme is that it shall involve no additional expenditure to the State. In the changes now proposed, the principle followed is to substitute Warrant Officers for officers wherever possible, and to fill only so many of the remaining junior posts by officers entered on a permanent basis as the openings for promotion to higher ranks justify. The balance of junior posts is to be filled by officers entered for short service.

Up-gradings of Posts.

The main features of the scheme are the up-gradings of certain posts now established for Wing Commanders to the rank of Group Captain, and of a considerable number of specialist posts at present established for Flight Lieutenants to the rank of Squadron Leader or Wing Commander and the substitution of Warrant Officers for officers in other Flight Lieutenant and Flying Officer specialist posts.

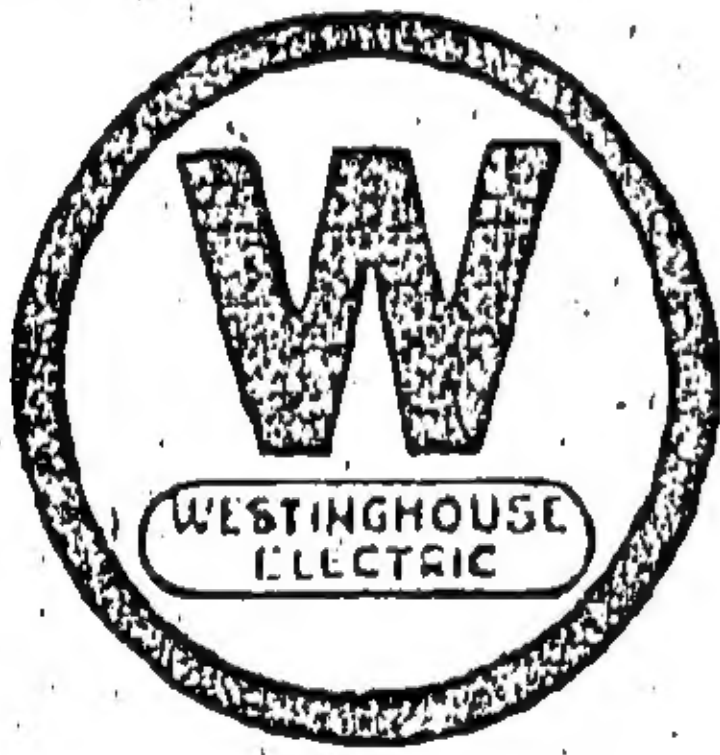
Further, it is proposed to raise the grade of a number of non-specialist posts and substitute Warrant Officers or civilians for Flying Officers in a number of junior non-specialist posts at present held by officers. A new class of medium service officers, which will provide the number of experienced junior officers, without an increase in the permanent list, is also included in the scheme.

The restricted number of permanent officers under the scheme would, it is hoped, be provided with a longer and more favourable career. By way of giving further relief to the permanent list and a further opening to short service officers by retaining a number of the latter to complete ten years' service, it is proposed that they shall pass to the Reserve with a gratuity of £1,000.



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DEATH OF MR. J. G. A. DOUBLEDAY.

POPULAR MEMBER OF SINGAPORE SWIMMING CLUB.

The death occurred at the General Hospital, Singapore, last week, of Mr. J. G. A. Doubleday, of Dupire Brothers.

This news was heard with deep regret by the younger generation in Singapore, and particularly by members of the Swimming Club, where the deceased was one of the outstanding performers in Club diving and swimming competitions. Indeed, it was after taking part in a race at the Club the previous Sunday morning that he was taken ill. Symptoms which developed that night steadily became worse, and on Thursday he was taken to the General Hospital and operated on as soon as possible. However, it was found that a case of appendicitis had been allowed to progress too far, and in spite of everything that could be done Mr. Doubleday died.

Of a particularly engaging and likeable disposition, Mr. Doubleday had many friends in Singapore. Aged 35, and unmarried, he served in the London Fusiliers during the war, and was badly wounded. He came out to the East after the war to join a firm in Bangkok, but afterwards joined Dupire Brothers in Singapore. He only returned from home leave last February.

"TWO GIRLS WANTED."

JANET GAYNOR IN A NEW ROLE.

Janet Gaynor, the star of "The Seventh Heaven," is seen in quite a new role in "Two Girls Wanted," now being screened at the Queen's Theatre. She plays the part of Marianna Miller, a girl from a country town, who comes to New York with her sister and finds it hard to make a living. In her search for a job, she masquerades as a boy and, through a comic incident, encounters a wealthy young railway magnate with whom, of course, she falls in love. Many things happen, however, before the romance reaches a happy ending. Including Marianna's varied experiences as a stenographer and a domestic servant. "Two Girls Wanted" is really a romantic comedy, with a touch of drama, and it can certainly be described as most entertaining, if not a "hit" picture.

Janet Gaynor acts admirably all through and the film certainly serves to demonstrate her versatility. She is really excellent, and she gets good support from a strong cast, in which the outstanding characters are Glenn Tryon as the young hero and Joseph Cawthorn in the role of a rather crochety business man. We can commend the film as being very well worth seeing, although there is much of the improbable in the story.

Besides the main film, there is an effective Pathé pictorial feature film and a good comic.

THE MOTOR SHIP.

LARGE INCREASE IN CONSTRUCTION.

London, July 17.

Continued progress in internal combustion engines is indicated in Lloyd's shipbuilding returns for the quarter ending June 30, not only by the fact that 1,500,000 tons of motorships are being constructed throughout the world as compared with 1,139,000 tons of steamers, but the construction includes 65 motorships of 8,000 tons and upwards, contrasted with 21 steamers of similar size.

The total construction in British yards at the present time is 1,203,000 tons, representing a reduction of 228,000 as compared with the previous quarter. Britain is now producing 45 per cent of the world's ships against 57 per cent before the war.

Reuter.

WOMAN'S WORLD FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Silver Paper Art.

THE NEWEST MOSAIC GLASS WORK.

There is quite a new artistic hobby in vogue just now, and in spite of the attractions of fine summer weather, every girl with clever fingers seems to be busy at silver paper mosaic. For, besides making all sorts of dainty things, this craft is simpler and more fascinating than anything we have tried for a long time. It is most inexpensive, too. All you require is a plain little glass plate or shallow bowl, and the coloured tin-foil wrappers from chocolates. The only tool is a gum brush, and you don't need to be an artist to produce the loveliest ash-trays, floating bowls, and dressing-table ware.

A plain glass butter plate absolutely uncut, with perhaps a wide scalloped edge, can be bought for about 4d. Collect all the chocolate papers you can find, mix the colours with plums silver and gold, and cut or tear them up into irregular shapes. Toss them out, kaleidoscope fashion, on the board or table you mean to work on.

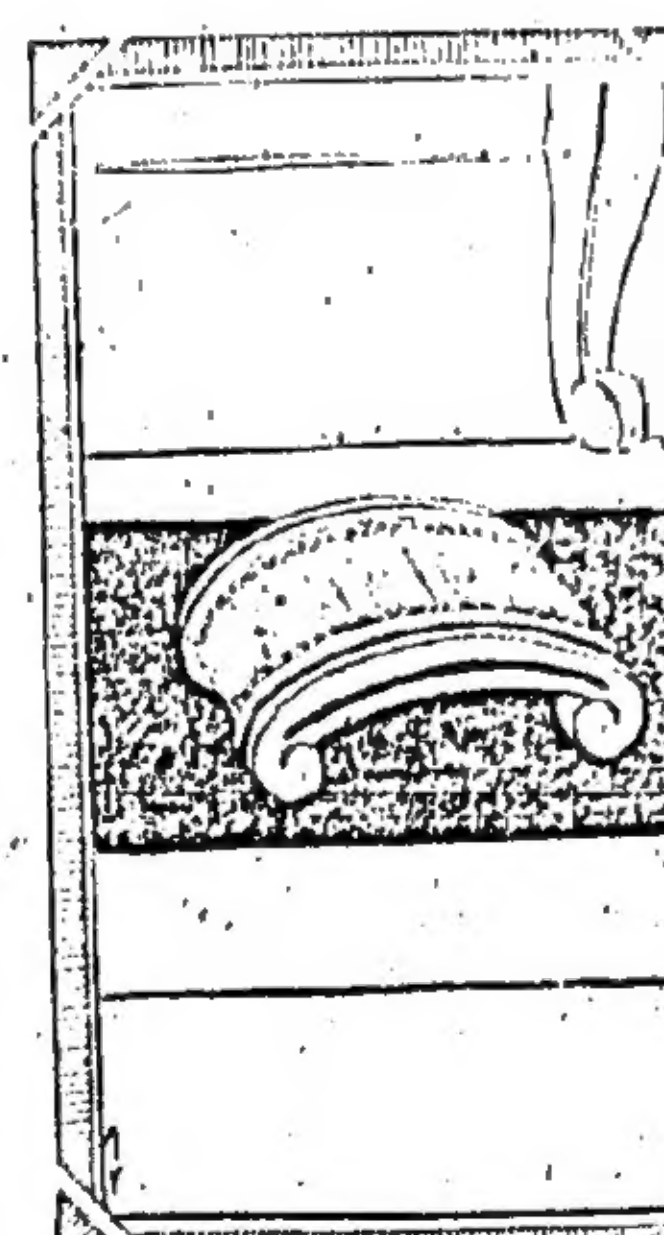
Now take your glass plate and entirely cover the underside with good clear gum. Place the plate on top of the silver sheet of paper and let it collect as many as possible. With this careful foundation of a colour scheme, turn the plate over and completely cover the bottom with a patch-work of silver paper. If you follow no regular design or colour grouping, the effect is charming. Do not fit the pieces, but gum them on at random until the whole plate is covered. Hold the plate up to the light and make sure that no chink is missed.

The effect on the right side of the plate is delightful, full of soft colour and shimmering lights like a captured rainbow.

When the gum is quite dry and the edges smoothed, point over the silver paper with either black or metallic paint. This completely covers the wrong side of the patch-work and gives a charming finish to the dish. Gold paint looks particularly lovely on a floating bowl in tones of green and gold, tin-foil, especially when a thin line of green paint "binds" the edges.

Can you imagine anything prettier than this as a little extra present for the bride?

A Quaint Touch.



Quaint and comforting is this old-fashioned foot stool covered with orange velvet fashioned with heavy brass tucks.



The right clothes mean "Bon Voyage." (Left) A graceful side bow and a shoulder bouquet give charm to a raspberry chiffon evening gown of superb simplicity; (Right) Chic and usefulness unite in a grey basket-weave ensemble, with polka dotted blouse.

Newest Fashions.

FROM THE SMARTEST SHOPS.

Delightful sets of cream-coloured-organza-collars and cuffs are decorated with minute flower embroidery in vivid shades of blue, pink and emerald. Most of them tie with a narrow satin ribbon bow, and they are so desirable that it is not to be wondered at that their price is exorbitant. By the way, very few dead-white lingerie collars and fronts are seen nowadays.

Patterned satin viles in popularity with crepe.

Contours of net are stitched with sequins, as large as sixpences, in a spider's web design.

Satin jumpers made on the wrong side of the material are finished with patterned satin jabots in which the shiny surface is to the fore.

As far as one can see there doesn't seem to be an eccentric-shaped parcel on the market this summer. Whether or not the vendors has damped designers' ardour they cannot say but for the most part gaily-patterned taffeta models which could be equally well used in sunshining or rain are shown. Another change is in the return to the long handle and the pointed ferrule. There seem to be any amount of scarlet and crimson sunshades, and green is a good second. One scarlet design was decorated with laquered pagodas and willow trees with little

Oriental figures kneeling here and there. Handles are, on the whole plain. Some green stone pirrota were seen finishing the handle of a green shade. Tassels are also returning to favour.

Waistbells of closely-plaited silk braid are finished with large square stone buckles. Black and red, fastened with a crystal clasp, seem to be the most popular colours at the moment. Daisy chain girdles of bright glass flowers in silver settings are threaded on double silver chains.

Pin-spotted nets are often seen on evening frocks. They look particularly attractive arranged in large bustle bows.

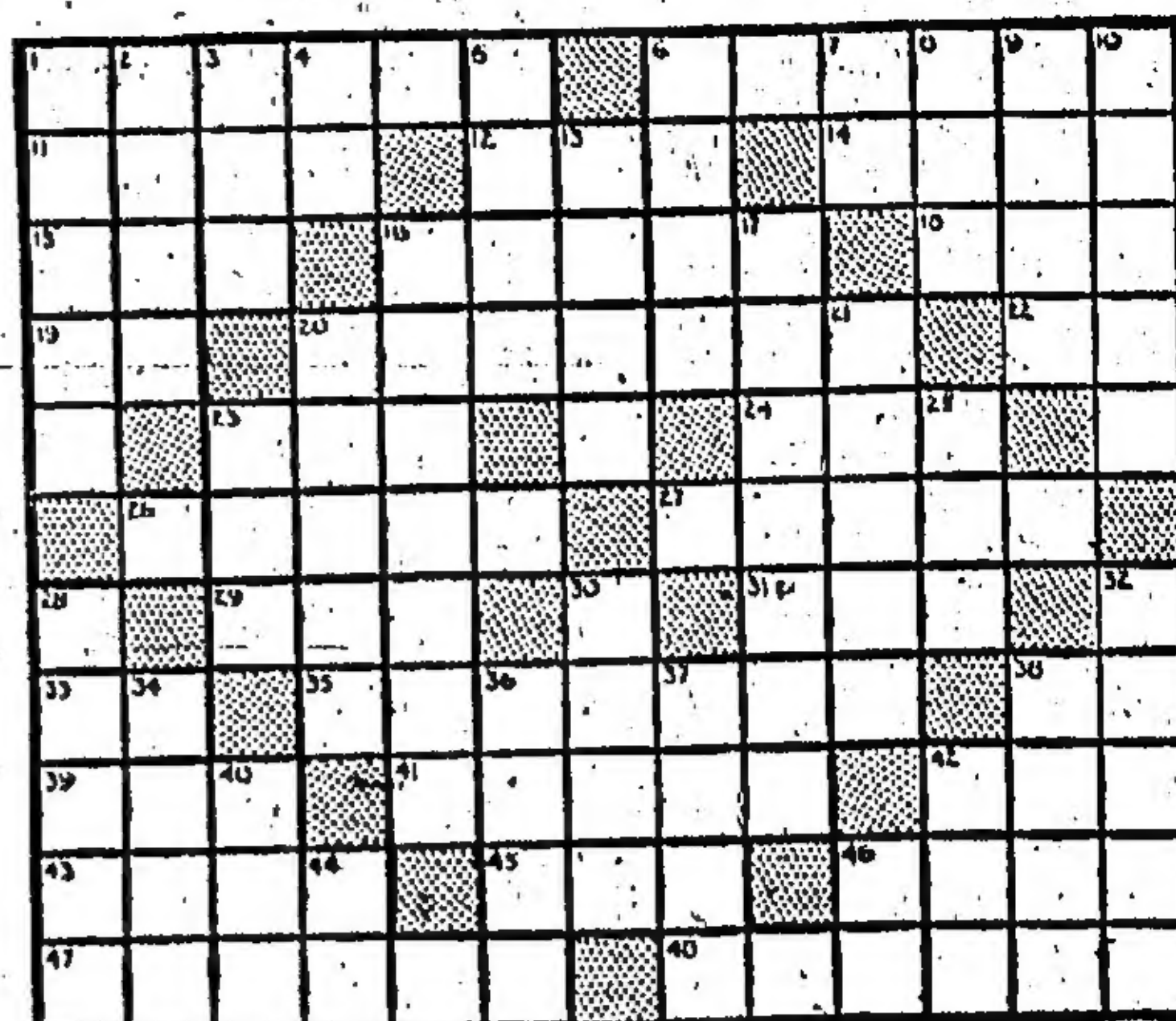
A period frock of shell taffeta was made in three netted tiers: each tier, which gradually dipped as it swept round to the back, was edged with plaited silver lace.

A quaint-looking dress was made with a straight, tight bodice rimmed with a trelis work of pearl embroidery. The uneven skirt consisted of panels of plait. The little puff sleeves were also pearl decorated, and the waistline was marked by a heavy pearl circle.

A delightful black lace dancing frock was worn over a pink slip. The bodice which was cut bolero fashion, was held in place with a tremendous sash and bow of pink and black taffeta, placed at the natural waistline. The flared hemline was uneven.

Necklaces of old Persian amber are highly polished, but roughly shaped like stones.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Horizontal.

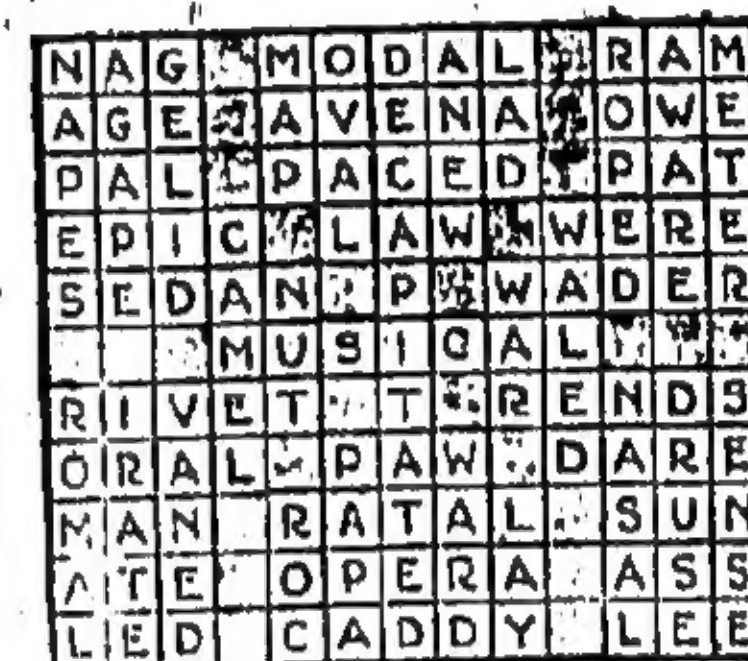
- 1 Portlans.
- 6 What country is building the Dnieper power project, the largest hydroelectric plant in Europe?
- 11 Walking stick.
- 12 To employ.
- 14 Devours.
- 15 Ancient.
- 16 Confidence.
- 18 To secure.
- 19 Toward.
- 20 To use sugar as a seasoning.
- 22 Myself.
- 23 Taro paste.
- 24 Organ of hearing.
- 26 Who invented the telegraphic code?
- 27 Inclosures for pigs.
- 29 To neck.
- 31 Possessed.
- 33 Alleged power producing hypnotism.
- 35 Ebbbed.
- 38 Exclamation of laughter.
- 39 Shattered place.
- 41 Distributed grudgingly.
- 42 To deposit as a wage.
- 43 Wind.
- 46 Beer.
- 48 Vat for green fodder.
- 47 Boast.
- 38 Belittling one's nature.

Vertical.

- 1 Who was the author of "Ivanhoe"?
- 2 A form of nimbus.
- 3 Conjunction.
- 4 Second note in scale.
- 5 Positive.
- 6 Pause.

- 7 Point of compass.
- 8 To sink.
- 9 Paragraph in a newspaper.
- 10 Star-shaped flower.
- 13 What canal did Ferdinand de Lesseps build?
- 16 United by winding together.
- 17 Cut one's teeth.
- 20 More painful.
- 21 What nymph gives life to the Inkens and springs?
- 23 Sound of a rifle shot.
- 25 Scarlet.
- 28 Which is the largest river in Europe?
- 30 Who invented the telephone?
- 32 Chief magistrate of a city.
- 34 A college official.
- 36 Fuel.
- 37 What is the opposite of shallow?
- 38 Healthy.
- 40 Prophet who trained Samuel.
- 42 Fleishy fold of the mouth.
- 44 Standard of type measure.
- 46 Therefore.

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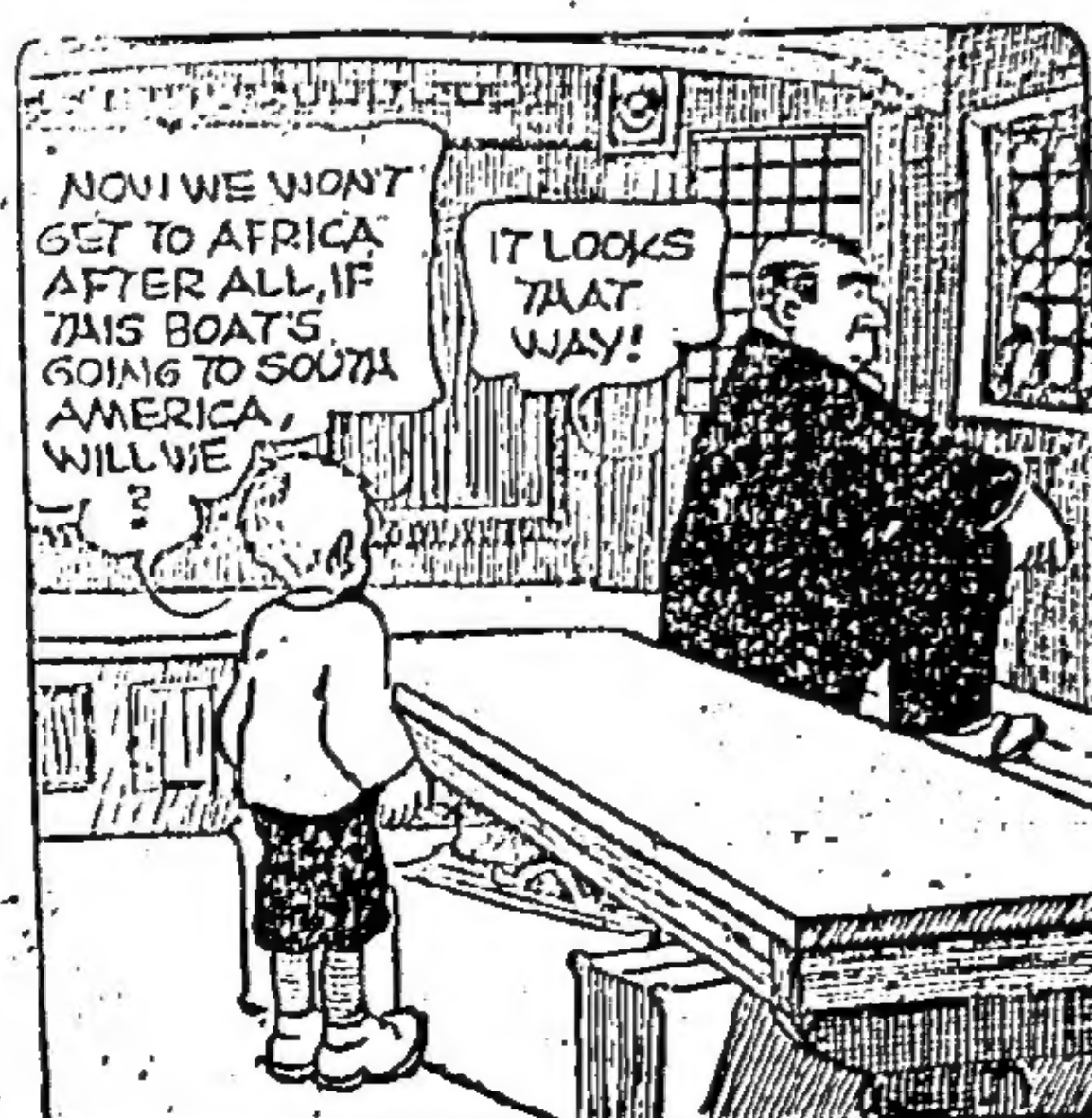
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CIVIL SERVANTS'
SALARIES.

The Government servants affected will no doubt appreciate the increases in salary which they are to receive under the new exchange compensation scheme, details of which were published yesterday. Worked out at the prevailing rate of exchange, this implies an advance of about twelve per cent. in the case of certain married officers and of six per cent. for the single men. The cost, we are told, in the region of \$30,000 per month. However, the scheme is only temporary in character and may later be modified when the proposed Commission investigates the whole question of civil servants' salaries. In view of the fact that, in recent years, there has been considerable revision of emoluments and that it is intended to enquire into the general question in the near future, we are left to wonder if there was any particular urgency in bringing this temporary scheme into force just now, and whether it would not have been preferable to have awaited the Commission's Report, which, we presume, will also deal with servants paid on a dollar basis.

On the general question of civil servants' pay, we firmly adhere to the view that the standard should be adequate. A poorly-paid Government service is bad from every standpoint. But at the moment we are not convinced that, since the last revision, Hongkong's sterling-paid officers have been underpaid. Their position is certainly infinitely better than that of the majority of the Colony's residents in private employment. They get partially-furnished quarters provided at a rate which the ordinary civilian can never hope to secure, and, moreover, they have passages paid for their wives and children when they go home on leave, to say nothing of eventual pensions. If exchange fluctuation is the ground on which the increases are being granted, then it is only fair to point out that this also affects ordinary residents who have to send remittances home, as well as some subordinate officers who are similarly placed. Moreover, as Mr. Braga points out, the latter class enjoys few of the advantages held by the officials paid on a sterling basis, and its members are hardly hit by the diminished purchasing power of

the dollar. So we cannot resist the logic of the argument that if a case has been made out for the higher-paid man, the claim of the subordinate is just as strong. We hope, therefore, that some steps will be taken to remove the sense of grievance which the latter must feel so long as he is left out of consideration.

One of the aspects of the question which the Commission should investigate is the present basis on which Government salaries are paid. On this point, we cannot see why Hongkong civil servants' salaries should be paid on a sterling calculation at all. It would be fairer to everybody concerned if their salaries were reckoned in the currency of the Colony in which they work. After all, they are the servants of the Hongkong Government, not of the Colonial Office—a Government whose finances are wholly based on the local dollar. The fact that an officer is engaged at home ought not to affect the issue, any more than it does in the case of the man coming out to a commercial house. The argument that, on being appointed at home, the Government servant would not appreciate the correct value of Hongkong currency cannot hold water, for the simple reason that he is, even under existing conditions, made acquainted with the average rate of the dollar and is paid therein after coming East. Once put all salaries on a dollar basis, and there would be an end to these elaborate exchange compensation calculations. It is true that the fluctuations in the dollar would mean a variation in pay when reckoned in sterling, but the Government servant would suffer no more in this respect than the employee of a business firm does.

Hongkong University Needs.

It is a pity the sudden interest displayed by the House of Commons in the welfare of the Hongkong University finds no evidence of corresponding sympathy in higher official circles, for we are not at all satisfied with the replies to recent questions advocating a grant to the University from the Buxton Indemnity Fund. Similar criticism applies to Sir Austen Chamberlain's recent statement on the larger question of giving effect to the recommendations of the Buxton Committee on the Buxton Indemnity. The keenest disappointment will be felt by all who have the interests of the University at heart, none more so than Sir Cecil Clementi, whose hand can be seen behind the new-found Parliamentary zeal. It is all very well for the Foreign Office spokesman to tell the honourable Member who invited a grant to the University, that the proper authorities should submit their claim for the consideration of the Board of Trustees, when he is fully aware of the negative attitude of the Ministry towards the establishment of the Board. Equally, it seems absurd to us that Mr. Locker-Lampson should regard as a perfectly natural procedure that a well-deserving institution in Hongkong must suffer indefinitely because of certain uncertainty regarding conditions in China. Until an Amending Act is passed, full control of the Funds is vested in the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and it seems obvious, therefore, that if China through some cause is not qualified to receive the benefit of the remission, some of the Buxton Committee's minor proposals, one of which is that support should be given to the Hongkong University, might easily be undertaken. When this point of view was put to the Foreign Secretary a week or two ago, he replied that this had been considered, but that it "for various reasons" was unfortunately impracticable. In our opinion, it is not sufficient that we should be told there are "various reasons" against, for one thing, a grant to the University. Surely we are entitled to a little more enlightenment. Furthermore, we have yet to understand by what reasoning the conclusion is reached that legislation necessary to enforce the Buxton recommendations must be delayed until China conditions are more settled. Here, the ordinary observer, without Sir Austen's diplomatic experience, etc., would see greater value in taking the Amending Act through Parliament, thereby leaving the way clear for the appointment of the Board of Trustees immediately circumstances permit. At first glance it would appear that the Foreign Office is hedging, but we trust the matter will not be allowed to drop without further explanation.

DAY BY DAY.

IF YOU WANT ENEMIES EXCEL
OTHERS; IF YOU WANT FRIENDS LET
OTHERS EXCEL YOU.—Colton.

The B.I. s.s. Takliwa, from Singapore, is due here on Saturday.

A Chinese case of cerebro-spinal fever was notified yesterday.

The s.s. Rawalpindi left Shanghai at 3 p.m. yesterday and is due here at 7 a.m. on Friday.

The City of Bedford, now being fitted out for the coalle trade, will be docked at Kowloon to-morrow morning.

The quarantine restrictions imposed against arrivals from Bangkok on account of cholera have been removed.

A fisherman named Wong Fook was drowned at Stanley yesterday when a sampan capsize, throwing the occupants into the water. Two other men on the boat got safely to shore.

Government passengers sailing for home by s.s. Rawalpindi on Saturday, include Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Jackson; Mr. and Mrs. R. Watt and son, Mr. L. Pearson and Master A. J. G. Taylor, all of the Police Department, and Mr. A. W. Charity of the Sanitary Department.

Amongst the passengers who left for Manila and Australian ports by the s.s. Taipei were Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Reid, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Mackenzie, Capt. E. H. Jacob Larcom, Mr. L. A. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. H. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Abraham, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Dowle and Capt. J. O. Murgatroyd.

Dean Williams, of the School of Journalism, University of Missouri, accompanied by his wife, is at present on a visit to the Colony. He is making his sixth tour of the Far East. After visiting Manila, where he is to deliver a lecture on Journalism, he will proceed to Shanghai and stay there for a week, after which Dean and Mrs. Williams return to the States.

This morning's Harbour Office reports were generally good, with a heavy arrival and departure list, high tonnage and better cargoes. Tonnage was over the 50,000 mark, with British tonnage approximately 16,000 tons of cargo. High figures were returned by British, Dutch, French and American. There were 20 arrivals and 22 departures, leaving 69 vessels in harbour of which 23 were British.

Among the passengers arriving on the President Grant were Mrs. D. Jenkins, wife of the American Consul at Canton, returning to Shanghai after a visit to the States; Capt. J. Murgatroyd, of Beckenham, Kent, a retired Captain returning to England after a trip through the States; Mr. Fred Hadden, an entomologist making a three months' visit to China; Mr. J. G. Pow, of the Shell Company in Java, and Mr. W. H. Peters, returning to Hongkong after a business trip to Japan.

FORGED TEN-DOLLAR
NOTE.TALL STORY ABOUT MR.
LEE HYSAN'S COFFIN.

When charged before Mr. R. E. Laidlaw at the Central Police Court, this morning, with the possession of a forged ten-dollar Hongkong and Shanghai banknote, a Chinese said he received the note from the No. 1 "boy" under whom he worked as an odd-job table-boy, at the residence of the late Mr. Lee Hysan in Kennedy Road.

While being employed in that capacity, he was the means of introducing business for the Pook Sau Coffin Shop, who sold a thousand-dollar coffin for the late millionaire's remains, later paying \$100 to the defendant as commission.

It was difficult to see what connexion this business might have with the defendant's plea. When called as a witness, the No. 1 "boy" denied flatly that he ever handed the forged note to the defendant.

The police evidence was to the effect that defendant was arrested by a district watchman in Lower Macao Row as he was handing the note to a coolie. The coolie ran away, but the defendant was taken to the Police Station. On the way, he attempted to discard a pocket-book in which the forged note was kept.

His Worship imposed a sentence of six weeks' hard labour.

QUARRY BAY SCHOOL.

INTERESTING "OPEN DAY"
PROGRAMME.

Parents of children at the Quarry Bay School were present in large numbers at an "Open Day" held in the School this morning.

Mr. A. E. Wood, Director of Education, was present. The children presented, in all, seven delightful items, including three little plays, and much credit is due to the teachers for the excellence of the various items. Some of the children were faultless in rendering the roles allotted to them and all were very keen.

The full programme was as follows:—1, Songs; 2, The Rain-bow; 3, Bed in Summers; 4, The Princess and the Swineherd; 5, The Rabbit; 6, Nursery Rhymes; 7, Mother England.

Of the above "The Princess and the Swineherd" was perhaps the most applauded item and it was

About Hong Kong.

Do you know that—

Jervois Street and Bonham Strand received their names as the result of a big fire which occurred in 1851?

It was on December 28th of the year named that, during a gale, a fire broke out in what was then known as Sheungwan Market. In spite of the heroic efforts made by the Royal Engineers, some hundreds of Chinese houses to the north of Queen's Road were destroyed and about thirty lives lost.

Later, the whole district was rebuilt, with considerable improvements, and the most eastern and most western streets were named respectively Jervois Street and Bonham Strand. This was in honour of Major General Jervois, who personally directed the R.E.s in fighting the fire, and of Sir George Bonham, the Governor, who gave liberal aid in housing those who had lost their homes in the conflagration.

very creditably produced for children of such minor ages as those attending at the Quarry Bay School. Fred McNeill, who was to have taken the role of the Swineherd, was unable to appear but his place was ably filled at the last minute by another pupil.

In "Mother England" the children were dressed in costumes of the inhabitants of various parts of the Empire and each made some present of the product of the country which he or she represented to Britannia. The costumes of the kiddies were extremely picturesque.

After the songs and plays, visitors were invited to look over the class rooms where the work of pupils was exhibited. There were quite a number of drawings shown, some attaining a high standard. Exhibits of excellent needlework were also on view.

The following boys and girls took part in the programme given above:—J. Smith, N. Laing, C. Thirlwell, J. Seath, M. Toms, R. Thirlwell, P. Bennett, A. Keown, P. Johnson, S. Bennett, E. Sumners, G. Duncan, E. Bennett, C. Bone, R. McLeod, M. Smith, I. Cunningham, J. Bowkett, R. Stainfield, E. Stainfield, M. Fraser, M. Dunlevy, J. Quinn, I. Miller, J. Collinson, V. Bennett, H. Maxwell, J. Wald, I. Thirlwell, D. Young, D. Austin, D. Willson, M. Swann, J. Wallace, A. Thirlwell, S. Bowkett, and R. Duncan.

REVOLVER HIDDEN
WITH SOAP.FOUND IN AN UNCLAIMED
BOX.

Following a search of the passengers' luggage on the arrival of the s.s. President Grant on Monday, Sergeant Fowle discovered an unclaimed box of soap on the No. 1 wharf. On being opened, the box was found not only to contain soap but a revolver and 100 rounds of ammunition as well.

On the application of Sergeant Fowle, before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, an order for the confiscation of the arms and ammunition was made.

TYPHOON FORMING?

To-day's Observatory report states that pressure is highest to the east of the Bonins. There appears to be a shallow depression over South China, and there are still indications that a typhoon may be forming to the east of Luzon, but no definite developments. The forecast up to noon to-morrow is:—Light westerly or variable winds; fair.

The Very Idea!

Racy reminiscences of a padre's life in the Navy were given to members of Glasgow City Business Club, by the Rev. W. Gerald Elliott, of St. Niman's Episcopal Church, Glasgow.

He stated that a stoker, who was put in "clink" on the first day he was aboard ship, was asked by the chaplain how he had transgressed so early in his service.

The reply was:—
When I got out of my hammock I had to scrub decks and do other things, then scrub myself and be inspected by the officer of the division, the Commander, the Captain, and the Admiral all in turn.

After that I was at church, and you came up and asked, "Art thou weary, art thou languid?"
I said, "I blinking well am," and that's how I'm here.

[Plus-four have been condemned as unbusinesslike garments for commercial travellers.]

Ho, bagman, seek your orders in orderly attire.

A mac, a gump and sober suits are all that you require, Plus those persuasive articles which make refusals hard.

When you describe your leading lines in line, lace or lard.

But never wear apparel that's suggestive of the links.

At which, perchance, the buyer smiles, while his assistant winks;

Remember, then, through thick and thin, though commerce booms or lags,

Who hopes to do big business must appear in business bags.

A class of boys were undergoing an examination in scripture. The subject was the Good Samaritan. "And why do you think the priest and the Levite, after looking at him, passed by on the other side?"

"Because they saw he had been robbed already," was the answer.

Sheriff Robertson, at Louthgow: A fight between two Irishmen is not evidence that they are bad friends.

Nottinghamshire witness: I looked up suddenly and saw my eldest sister coming through the window. "I hope, miss, won't cost as much," said Judge Cluer at Shore-ditch to a woman who told him that her son's funeral cost £16.

Man at Tottenham: When I heard the door being broken open I told my wife to go and see what was the matter, while I went upstairs to get a police whistle.

Mr. Cairns, the Thames magistrate to a young couple stated to have quarrelled in the street: You are not married. Why do you fall out?

A bedding difficulty besets the members of the Australian Scottish delegation visiting the Old Country. A number refusing to sleep two in a bed, in Inverness walked the streets till early morning, singing the parody "For your bed is my bed, and the more we are together, the closer we will be."

Children's lives are being endangered as the result of a hoax, in regard to which a warning was issued from Scotland Yard recently.

"Apparently," said an official at the Yard; "ill-advised people have been telling children that if they collect a certain number of motor car numbers, Scotland Yard will send them prizes. There is not the slightest truth in the suggestion."

In the hope of winning prizes the children rush into the roads to get the numbers of passing vehicles, and it is feared that the practice may lead to an increase in street fatalities.

A number of children have written to Scotland Yard claiming their "prizes." Among typical letters received are the following:

Please send me a box of chocolates for 100 numbers. I herewith enclose over 1,000 numbers. Please send me your reward.

I have 100 numbers of motor-cycles and cars. Please send me a camera.

The practice, it is stated, is particularly prevalent in Thornton Heath and in certain Northern districts of London. In some places children have been known to rush in front of oncoming traffic.

Man at Clerkenwell, County Court: I had to speak to him because of his bad language, as there were some females in the shop. Mr. Registrar Friend: If the females were ladies, they would not understand it, and if they were not, then it would not matter.

RETIRING AFTER 25 YEARS.

MR. H. T. JACKMAN'S RECORD IN HONGKONG.

A CAPABLE OFFICIAL.

As has been already announced, Hongkong will be losing one of its best-known and most capable officials on Saturday next, when Mr. H. T. Jackman, Assistant Director of Public Works, leaves for home with Mrs. Jackman, on retirement. Lately, Mr. Jackman has not been enjoying good health, and his retirement comes a little earlier than it would have done in the normal course of events. He has been in the Colony for just over 25 years, having arrived here on July 15th, 1903, and, during that period, he has made a host of friends, who will wish for him a complete recovery in the Old Country.

Early Training.

Mr. Jackman secured his early training at the Crystal Palace Engineering School, where he was from 1890 to 1893, and then for a period of three years he was pupil and assistant on water and drainage works to Messrs. McLandsborough and Preston, the well-known civil engineers.

From 1896 to 1897, he was in charge of new sewerage works at Ripon, and from the latter year until his departure for Hongkong he was assistant district engineer on electric tramways, drainage, highway and improvement works at Sheffield. He came to Hongkong as executive engineer of the Drainage Office of the P.W.D., being appointed following the report by Mr. Chadwick on the sanitary conditions of the Colony.

Hongkong Service.

Mr. Jackman's principal work during his period of service here has been the construction and maintenance of all drainage works (sewers, storm-water drains, nullahs, etc.) in Hongkong, Kowloon and the New Territories. Besides these works, he has been called upon to carry out the duties of engineer-in-charge of water-works, roads, bridges, seawalls and piers during the absence of other officers on leave.

Of the waterworks schemes which he has taken in hand mention may be made of the reconstruction and enlargement of the Albany filter-beds, additional pumping plant and enlargement of the water mains to the Peak, and the necessary alterations to the Bonham Road pumping station, as well as the laying of a large water main in Cable and Bonham Roads in order that water from Tytan could be made available for distribution to the western districts of the city and to the Peak; the laying of the rider mains in the city; and the supervising of the construction of the Tytan intermediate reservoir during the absence of the engineer-in-charge on leave.

It also fell to Mr. Jackman's lot to extend the asphalt surfacing of the roads on the Island and in the New Territories.

Survey Work in China.

In 1904-05, the duties of Sanitary Surveyor were carried out by Mr. Jackman, whilst in 1908 he was seconded for route survey work in Mid-China, being accompanied by Mr. A. J. Darby, of the Crown Lands Office, who subsequently transferred to the F.M.S. Another matter with which Mr. Jackman was prominently identified was the desirability of flushing sewers by water from the nullahs, on which he wrote a lengthy report, and this work, which was later carried out, has proved very effective.

Since 1919 up to the present time, Mr. Jackman's work has been chiefly administrative, and during this period the town-planning scheme for Kowloon and New Kowloon was evolved under his supervision. This project created a large amount of work in negotiation with private owners for the exchange of their land for new lots in the town-planning layout, and if negotiations failed, a very small percentage of which did, arbitration proceedings were taken for the acquisition of these properties.

More recently, the acquisition of the Kai Tak reclamation has been completed in order to form the area for a commercial aerodrome from harbour dredgings.

Acting D. P. W.

On two occasions (in 1923 and 1927), Mr. Jackman has acted as Director of Public Works, with a seat on the Executive and Legislative Councils. He has also been Vice-President of the Sanitary Board and a member of the Court and Council of the Hongkong University.

Mr. Jackman was a good "soccer" player in his younger days, and he was also for some years a keen tennis enthusiast. Lately, his chief recreation has been hard work. He married some years back Miss Dorothy Smith, a niece of the late Mr. H. Percy

GIRL ROBBED OF BANGLE.

VILLAGERS CHASE THIEF INTO A POND.

FORCED TO EMERGE.

How a Chinese girl who robbed a schoolgirl of a gold bangle was chased by angry villagers into a pool of water, where he stood submerged up to his neck until he was forced to come out and be arrested by the use of long bamboo poles, was explained by Mr. Somerset Fitzroy at the Criminal Sessions this morning before Justice Jacks.

To Man and Lo Lau were charged with robbing Ng Wan-chau, a schoolgirl, 16 years of age, living at 102 Kowloon City Road, of a gold bangle on June 20.

Outlining the circumstances.

Mr. Fitzroy said the complainant, with another girl, was walking between Kowloon City and Hungshom. When they were just opposite to the Blind Girls' Home, she felt someone come behind her. She was pushed down by the second prisoner, after which the first man appeared beside her, holding a knife, and the bangle was taken from her wrist. In the meantime, another girl had raised an alarm which caused the two men to run away, having got all they could.

Chased into Pond.

The second prisoner, in his flight, ran into a group of villagers who immediately surrounded and caught him, but the first man ran round ponds and paddy fields, being hotly pursued. He was eventually chased into a pond where he stayed, up to his neck in water, would not come out, but some of the villagers had long bamboo poles. "With a certain amount of persuasion from these poles," said Mr. Fitzroy, "he was induced to come out, when he was arrested." This man had the bangle, but it could not be found, and it could be appreciated how little chance there was of finding it if it had been dropped in a paddy field. He was seen to throw the knife away.

When charged at the Police Station, the first man replied that he had nothing to say, while his confederate said: "I snatched her gold bangle, but I did not hurt her." At the Magistrate's first prisoner repeated his remark while the second made no statement.

In remarking that he did not think the jury would have any difficulty in finding the charges proved, counsel added that a man would not go into the middle of a pond, stand up to his neck in water, and have to be persuaded to come out with bamboo poles, for nothing.

Prisoner's Denials.

Following the conclusion of the case for the Crown, the first prisoner made a statement. He said he had been to market where he had bought five cents' worth of pork and was returning to Kowloon City. He saw a girl approaching, and she bumped into him in trying to dodge a motor car. Owing to the impact, he dropped the pork and scolded her. She scolded him back, so he slapped her on the back of the neck. She then cried out "snatch things," as a result of which a crowd collected.

He denied the robbery and possession of the knife. He also said he did not see another girl. He was assaulted several times, and was eventually rescued in an unconscious condition by a Chinese constable in plain clothes.

He did not give his proper address to the police because he was afraid the people might kill him. He further denied jumping into the pond, saying that about ten men pushed him in. He then remarked that he did not know how he got to the pond as he was unconscious. Replying to Mr. Fitzroy on that discrepancy, prisoner said he completely lost his head.

The case is proceeding.

Mr. G. P. Newton has been appointed Under-Secretary of Internal Affairs, New Zealand, in place of Mr. J. Hislop, who has retired.

Sir Robert Philip, Hon. President of the Tuberculosis Society of Great Britain, has been awarded the Trudeau Medal, which is given annually to the individual who has made the most meritorious contribution to the knowledge of the cause, prevention, and the treatment of tuberculosis.

Smith, and her brother, Mr. Crowther Smith, was at one time in practice here as a solicitor.

Apart from his conscientious and efficient service with the Government, Mr. Jackman has, with his wife, enjoyed considerable popularity in social circles, and they will both be much missed by their numerous friends.

PRISON AND THE "CAT."

CHINESE ROBBERS SEVERELY DEATH WITH.

YAUMATI AFFAIR.

A smart capture by Inspector Fallon and a police patrol in the early hours of May 20 at Shanghai Street, Yaumati, resulted in three Chinese being each sentenced to five years' imprisonment, with hard labour, for robbery, by Mr. Justice Jacks, at the Criminal Sessions this morning. Two of the men were also ordered to receive 12 strokes with the "cat," the third being saved from a like punishment because he had been certified as unfit by the medical officer.

There were three prisoners. They were charged with committing a robbery at 15, Temple Street, Yaumati, with two others unknown, and with robbing a woman of various articles including two cases, a wrist watch, a pen knife, a piece of silver chain, a handkerchief, a box of pearls, two jackets and a pair of trousers. Mr. Somerset Fitzroy prosecuted for the Crown.

When asked to plead, the prisoners admitted that they went to steal, but denied that they committed robbery. When asked to plead again, they all three pleaded "Guilty."

Lived Together.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy said that the three men were living in the same house as the complainant. There were a number of cubicles in the house but several were not occupied. The second and third prisoner went to the house to live about two months before the robbery. Later another man appeared to have gone to the house while the first prisoner went there about a month before the robbery. Apparently two other people went with him. The men said that they were painters and there was nothing to suggest that they were not what they appeared to be.

Between two and three o'clock on the morning in question, continued counsel, someone pushed the complainant's mosquito net down and sat upon her, after which she was gagged with a piece of a flute. She was made to hand over some keys with the aid of which the robbers ransacked the place. They later left. The complainant would say that the first prisoner sat upon her while the other two men were also there. It was not certain how many men there were, added Mr. Fitzroy, but there were more than three.

Met Police Patrol.

Continuing, Mr. Fitzroy said that morning Inspector Fallon was in Shanghai Street with a patrol when he saw two men walking along on opposite sides of the road, under the verandahs. These men were stopped and searched. Although nothing much was actually found on them, proceeds of the robbery were found in packages. As the police were engaged in the search, the first prisoner came along and remarked that everything was all right, as they all lived together. He was

BOMB OUTRAGE AT PENANG.

SUSPECTED ANTI-JAPANESE PLOT.

Penang, July 10.

A sensation was caused in Beach Street by the explosion of a bomb in the shop of Chop Lim Teng Hoe. The person responsible for throwing the bomb is not known but it is believed that anti-Japanese feeling had something to do with the matter as the towkay has been suspected of importing Japanese goods.

The clerks, who were counting the day's takings at a table near the front door, heard a terrific noise as the bomb exploded and the shop was soon filled with smoke. The towkay's son, a boy of 14 years of age, was seriously injured and was removed to hospital, where he died this morning. Two of the clerks were also injured but their condition is not serious.

A septuagenarian, Charles Ward, who was sent to prison for three months at Truro for pocket-picking, was stated to have served thirty-seven years in prison.

however, also searched and a wrist watch was found on him, in addition to other articles.

The men were taken to the Police Station, where the second prisoner said he would take the police to the place from which the goods were taken. They accordingly proceeded to the house, but on the way they met the complainant, who had freed herself in the meantime and was on her way to the Police Station to make a report. She claimed the goods as her property.

When charged at the Police Station, the first prisoner said that he did not take any money away. A man named Ah Ping gave him the watch, but he did not know where Ah Ping had gone to. The second man replied that he had nothing to say, while the third man made an extraordinary statement. He stated "My old mother is ill and I am compelled to do such things. I have no work at present."

Previous Convictions.

There was nothing known against the first two men, concluded Mr. Fitzroy, but in 1919 the third prisoner, who was then a boy nine years of age, was convicted for obtaining goods by false pretences at Yaumati. He was then detained for 48 hours and received five strokes. The offence was so long ago, added counsel, that he would ask his Lordship not to take it into account, as there was nothing to show that the prisoner had not been living honestly in the meantime.

Remarking that the men had been guilty of robbery, in which personal violence had been used on a woman, his Lordship sentenced the first two prisoners to five years' hard labour and 12 strokes with the "cat."

Addressing the third prisoner, his Lordship said: "I find that the medical officer reports that you are unfit to receive chastisement. Otherwise I should give you the same punishment as the others. I sentence you to five years' hard labour."

DOMESTIC TROUBLE AIRED IN COURT.

AUSTRALIAN WOMAN WHO MARRIED A CHINESE.

MAINTENANCE PLEA.

The domestic troubles of an Australian woman married to a local Chinese merchant whose household also includes a Chinese wife and children, were revealed at the Central Police Court this morning, when, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, she summoned her husband for maintenance.

When the name of Mrs. Tsai On Lee was first called as being that of the complainant, there was some confusion. At first, an elderly Chinese matron responded to the name, stepped forward and embarked on what threatened to be a long statement. She was asked to stand down when it was found that an Australian woman, seated in the body of the Court, she said she was Mrs. Tsai On Lee and that she was summoning her husband for maintenance.

Husband in Nanking.

Mr. L. R. Andrewes, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, said he appeared for the husband in consequence of a letter which the latter left behind with his son before he went to Nanking. In that letter, the son was instructed to get the legal firm to appear for him in the event of his Australian wife summoning him. He had gone to Nanking to open a branch of his business.

Mrs. Tsai On Lee, continued Mr. Andrewes, was an Australian lady, and she had gone to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs before she was sent to the Court.

In view of the absence of the defendant from the Court, his Worship observed, to the complainant, that it would be impracticable to take any evidence until he returned.

Refused to Accompany Him.

Mrs. Tsai On Lee then said that her husband had asked her to accompany him to Nanking, but she had not done so, under advice from the Secretary of Chinese Affairs, because it was Chinese territory. His Worship said it amounted to this, that whatever the defendant was doing in Nanking was his own business, but that the Court could not make any order for payment against him when he was not present. So his Worship thought the best thing to do was to adjourn the case until the man returned.

Mrs. Tsai On Lee:—Well, he wrote a letter to me that he won't come back unless I join him in Nanking. The Secretary for Chinese Affairs has given him 14 days to return.

His Worship:—The Secretary for Chinese Affairs can't compel him to return any more than anyone else can.

Mr. Andrewes, interposing, said the man's son was in Court, and possibly he might have some definite information on the point.

Very Uncertain.

The son, a Chinese youth in his teens, was called. In halting English, he mentioned that he had received no letter from his father as to the date of his return. It was very uncertain; all he could say was that his father might be away for six months or even a year. He was away on business.

Mr. Andrewes said that, in his absence, he understood the husband's people had to contribute to the support of the complainant. He understood also that she required a better form of life than she was receiving at present.

Handing up a letter which he received from Mrs. Tsai On Lee, Mr. Andrewes then said that the son's was on her to prove her assertions. She suggested that her allowance was insufficient.

His Worship, after glancing through the document, again said he could not make an order for payment in the absence of the man, and, in any case, it was twice as much as the Court had power to pay.

20 Cents Per Meal. Mrs. Tsai On Lee:—I receive 20 cents per meal. I don't get any extras, unless I ask for them. If they are not satisfied, I get nothing. These people belong to my husband, who has women of his own. Mr. Andrewes:—She has a flat to herself. That consists of one large room with no partitions in it except when she puts them up herself, and a small verandah. She gets board and light free and occupies these premises rent-free. She also receives an allowance of money which I understand varies for some reason which I have not been able to find out.

Mr. Andrewes explained that, according to his instructions, in the fourth month a sum of \$35.06 was paid to her as maintenance. In the following month, it jumped up to over \$50, for what reason

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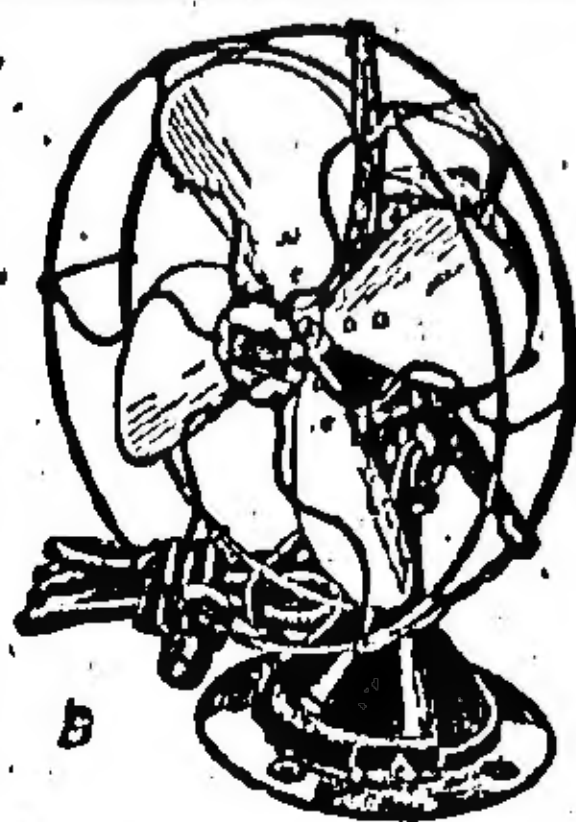
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PHENOMENAL HIGH SCORING.

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Yorkshire batted first, Sutcliffe and Holmes giving them a capital start. The score mounted rapidly when Sutcliffe was joined by Oldroyd, but the former was defeated when his personal score stood at 111. Oldroyd went on to complete his century, his wicket being taken at 119.

Notts in reply were dismissed for 350, 170 in arrears, the only batsman to offer real resistance being Whysall, who, by splendid batting compiled 100 and played the principal part in averting the follow-on.

Sutcliffe and Holmes in a perfect display, scored freely off the Notts bowling and when stumps were drawn were still unseparated. Sutcliffe made 100 (not out) while Holmes made 101 (not out).

KENT ON TOP.

Keen Struggle With Surrey at Blackheath.

In spite of a great partnership between Sandham and P. G. H. Fender, at Blackheath, Surrey could not equal Kent's colossal first innings total, and in a match which produced runs at a remarkable rate for county cricket, it was impossible to secure a definite result.

Kent with an advantage of 97 on the first innings, declared in the second with 185 on the board, but the forlorn hope of forcing a victory was never near accomplishment.

The scores were:

Kent: 510 and 185 for 4 wickets (decl.).
Surrey: 413 and 132 for 1 wicket.

Kent have not batted better this season, but the outstanding figure was Ames, the wicket-keeper, who scored 200, the highest of his first-class career.

In reply, Surrey made a brave show. Sandham batted faultlessly for a splendid 179, while P. G. H. Fender tackled the bowling valiantly and hit up 101 in a hard knock before his wicket was taken.

After Kent declared in their second innings, the match ended quietly, Surrey having no chance to get the runs, and playing steadily without risk of collapse.

A TATE CENTURY.

Sussex Gain Comfortable Win Over Essex.

Maurice Tate, the England and Sussex bowler, treated weak bowling in a light-hearted way at Hastings, where the Essex team were visitors. He hit a century in a vigorous manner.

Sussex won by 150 runs the scores being:

Sussex: 312 and 202 for 8 wickets (decl.).
Essex: 156 and 268.

Tate scored 126, and though the remainder of the batsmen were sedate by comparison, the useful total of 312 was compiled. Essex experienced a bad time, the side being rattled out for 156, exactly half the Sussex total, and when Sussex had increased their advantage to 418, Mr. Gilligan applied the closure.

Cutmore, in making his first three-figure innings of the season (101), could not find anyone to stay with him long enough to make a serious impression on the formidable total.

HAMPSHIRE FAIL.

Futile Batting Display in Both Innings.

At Manchester, Hampshire gave a weak display in both innings, and went down deservedly to Lancashire by an innings and 20 runs. The scores were:

Hants: 194 and 181.
Lancashire: 395 for 9 wickets (decl.).

There was nothing in the wicket to account for the poor Hampshire display. When Lancashire went in against a score of 194, they made light of the Hants bowling and declared when they had secured a lead of 201 runs.

Hants failed to avert an innings defeat, MacDonald bowling extremely well and taking 5 wickets for 54 runs.

WEST INDIES LOSE.

Warwick Amateur Bowler in Form.

In an interesting match at Birmingham, Warwickshire com-

CRICKET AVERAGES.

HENDREN'S REMARKABLE LEAD IN BATTING.

The first-class cricket averages compiled up to Monday June 25th, are as follows:

Batting.		Total Most in Times	
Rank	Player	Runs	Wickets
1	Hendren	21	1944 209*
2	Tyldesley (E.)	19	1234 187
3	Mead	16	1016 157
4	Hardinge	15	993 263
5	Hallows	14	1273 232
6	Sutcliffe	14	1273 232
7	Wootley (P. E.)	14	1168 156
8	Heane (J. W.)	14	1098 223
9	Dipper	14	1098 223
10	Stanton	14	1098 223
11	O'Connor	14	1098 223
12	Hummund	14	1037 205*
13	Walsall	14	1037 205*
14	Hussell	14	1037 205*
15	Shepherd	14	1037 205*
16	Andrews	14	1037 205*
17	R. E. S. Wyatt	14	1037 205*
18	R. R. R. R. R.	14	1037 205*
19	W. W. C. Jupp	14	1037 205*
20	E. D. Blundell	14	1037 205*
21	Aspinall	14	1037 205*
22	Thompson	14	1037 205*
23	Thompson (M. W.)	14	1037 205*
24	A. M. Craxley	14	1037 205*
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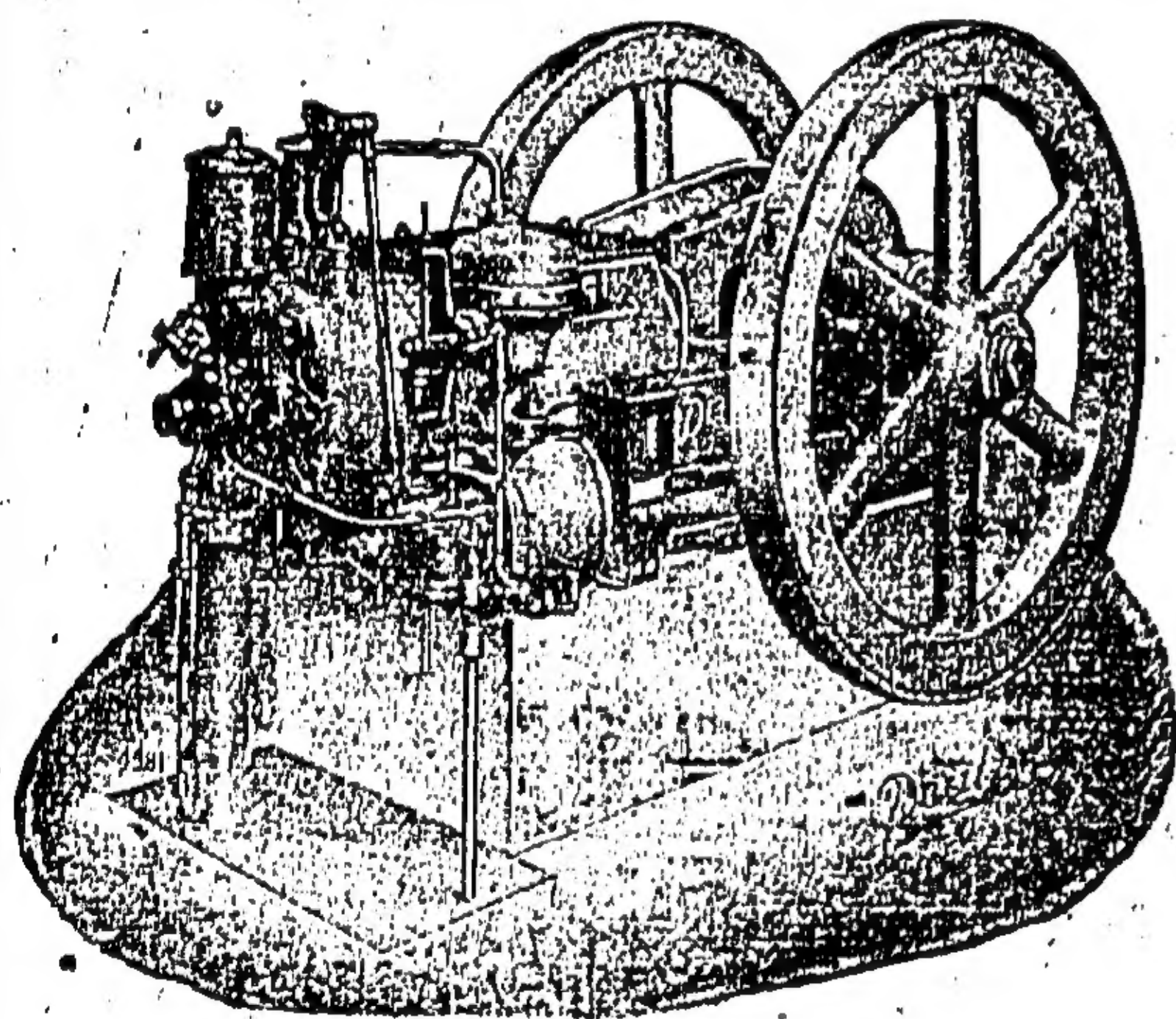
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The Prince of Wales recently wore for the first time his new uniform as Master of the Merchant Service and Fishing Fleet, the position recently conferred upon him by the King. He also sailed on a vessel for the first time in that capacity. He was opening the new extension to the Royal Edward Dock at Avonmouth, reports the *Manchester Guardian*.

The new uniform is almost identical with that of a captain of the mercantile marine—dark blue with gold rings on the sleeves. The only difference is that it has four gold rings with a diamond between the second and third bar instead of four gold rings and a curl. The Prince wore a special epaulettes indicating that he is personal A.D.C. to the King.

The Prince proved that he has mastered the art of changing from one dress to another with a rapidity which would astound a music-hall artist. After performing the ceremony of declaring the new dock open, he lunched with the Port of Bristol Authorities. Within five minutes he had discarded his uniform and appeared before the company in a grey check suit, blue shirt and tie of perfect match.

Enthusiastic Crowds.

This was the second time he had visited the ancient port of the West. The welcome he received told its own story. His car was almost mobbed on two occasions on the way from Bristol to Avonmouth. At College Green the crowd surged round the car and the police were severely taxed in preventing people from jumping on the foot-board.

After motoring through the city the Prince embarked upon the R.M.S. Bayano, moored at the Royal Edward Dock. Escorted by tugs, the state-coloured ship proceeded to the new dock. The Prince stood on the bridge and officially navigated his vessel until she was brought safely into the new arm. He acknowledged the cheers which came from the thousands who lined the dockside and were seated on the specially constructed grandstand.

Children from local schools, led by the band of the 6th Battalion Gloucestershire Regiment, sang "God Bless the Prince of Wales." A thunderous burst of cheering greeted the water as the Bayano, broke the ribbon placed across the entrance to the new arm.

Grandstand Mishap.

Just as the vessel carrying the royal visitor was about to anchor, a portion of the grandstand on which the children were standing collapsed and the youngsters were precipitated to the ground. Fortunately, no one was injured, although one woman fainted.

The Lord Mayor, presenting an address of welcome to the Prince, recalled that a fleet of vessels fitted

BREAKFAST "A L'ANGLAISE."

BERLIN ESCHUEWS THE "EARLY PINT."

England sets the fashion for many things in Germany, but breakfast in the English style has never appealed to a nation content with coffee and rolls in the morning. A compromise, however, has been made by the truly fashionable in Berlin, who are sending invitations to Sunday breakfast parties.

The givers of these feasts, who are men of substance in the financial world, and their wives, who live in the western suburbs amid very beautiful surroundings, may be presumed to possess friends who have cars to take them home again in-time for lunch. Otherwise the meal, which lasts from eleven to one, would interfere with Sunday dinner, to an extent even the very fashionable cannot truly desire.

The menu is composed of ham and eggs, steaks, toast, fruit, cheese, coffee, and cigars. The inclusion of cheese points to a confusion with the Dutchman's early morning meal. The mention only of coffee means that the German's traditional Sunday morning gathering of friends over a bottle of wine—the "early pint" (Frühstücken)—is making way for something indicative of a new and sport-loving generation. The wearing of pyjamas on the part of guests and host and hostess is believed to be not entirely English in origin, and is therefore discouraged, save, it is understood, by the very smart.

out and manned by Bristol men sailed from the banks of the Avon and discovered the mainland of North America, and that the first steamship to cross the Atlantic Ocean was built in and sailed from that port. The extension, he said, provided six deep-water berths capable of accommodating large ocean-going vessels.

The Prince, in reply, reminded them that that was his second visit to the city, and added: "I am proud as Master of the Merchant Navy to associate myself with this development of the port." He also reminded them that he was a freeman of the Society of Merchant Venturers of Bristol. "I realize," he said, "that the enterprise of the early pioneers who sailed from here across uncharted seas to explore the New World not only laid the foundations of the British Empire, but also of the British merchant navy." He congratulated the Authority on their foresight and faith shown in the advent of better trade. Trade motto appeared to be: "Provision for the present; preparation for the future."

The Prince, at the luncheon which followed, advised them to keep up the pace and to employ progressive methods as much as possible, so as to meet the great competition that was to be experienced nowadays.

U.S. REPUBLICANS AND PHILIPPINES.

QUEYON SAYS ISSUE IS NOT SIDE-STEPPED.

San Francisco, July 8. Senator Manuel Quezon, arriving here to-night from southern California, stated in an interview that he did not believe the Republicans had side-stepped the Philippine question, as he said, is the general impression.

"I have good reasons to believe," he said, "that Hoover wants to make the Philippine question non-partisan, which is a good idea."

"He declared that Washington treated Filipinos as Americans one day and as foreigners the next, but added, 'Thank heaven that from either Hoover or Smith, as president we can expect a more definite policy on the entire Philippine question.'"

"Primarily we want independence," he continued, "but what we want more than anything in the world is to know just where we stand with the American government. To-day, it appears in the eyes of Washington that we are good enough for Hawaii but not good enough for the mainland. 'We are encouraged to send labour to Hawaii to compete with the Japanese. On the other hand, bills have been introduced in congress to restrict Filipino immigration to the United States.'"

"We were told that we were under the United States and that we were to be considered as a part of America and that, therefore, there shall be free trade between the Philippines and the United States."

"Then along comes the Timberlake bill in congress to limit the amount of sugar that can be exported to America. We cannot compete against Cuban sugar because we must replant every two years while Cuban sugar is replanted every 15 years. We could produce millions of tons, but cannot advance in the developments of our plans while the Timberlake bill hangs over our heads."

With respect to independence, Senator Quezon said that "the independence promised 20 years ago is no nearer now than when the Americans first stepped into Manila," but he scoffed at the idea that the islands, if granted independence, would be seized by a stronger power.

"Which one?" he asked. "You generally mean England or Japan. England is over-colonized and Japan is eliminated for three reasons. She wants to keep out of trouble with the United States; Japanese can't live in the tropics—they have tried and failed on the island of Davao—and, thirdly, imperialism is dying out in Japan."

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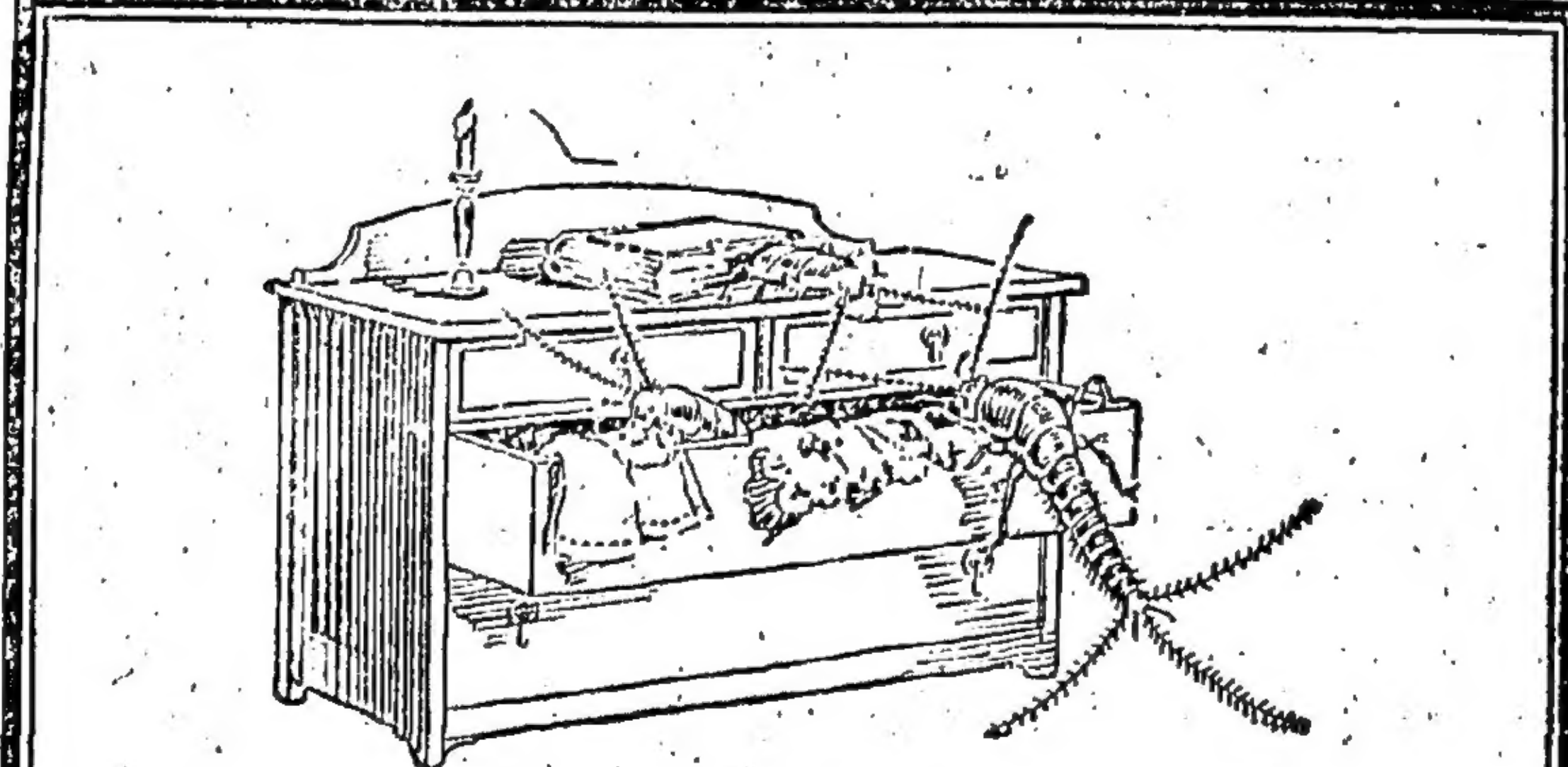
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Why This Secrecy?

He concealed both his surprise and disappointment when he found that he was to lunch alone with Lady Crittal. Despite the pedigree of her husband, Hugh could not forget that her father was a draper. Nevertheless, he reflected that they would be able to talk more freely alone.

"I was sorry to trouble you about that hotel," began Lady Crittal, "but as it happened we could not get away after all."

"I assure you," he informed her, "I was only too delighted to be of some use."

And so they opened, discreetly enough; but soon the conversation was worked around to Shelagh. Lady Crittal even dropped all pretence by the time cheese was reached.

"I'm so glad to have a talk with you," she said, frowning anxiously. "But I'm worried about Shelagh. Of course—you know what I mean?"

Hugh shook his head. "I'm not sure that I do."

"Then you've heard no rumours, nothing at all since you've been out of England?"

"Nothing beyond your letter. And I must admit it puzzled me considerably."

Lady Crittal stared at him for a moment. His correctness was so faultless that she dreaded making a mistake. But he seemed genuinely interested; why else had he lunched with her, when so many urgent matters pressed on his time?

"You may wonder," she said, "why I'm talking like this. But I feel someone should know what is happening. Shelagh, after all, is only twenty. And without her friends being aware of it she may rush blindly into an impossible situation. You are the only one I could think of to discuss this with. But if you could warn her relatives."

"I'm afraid Shelagh will pay no attention to her relatives. But what is the warning about?"

"You must tell them," Lady Crittal gravely, "that she is about to marry Marcus Drake."

Hugh showed no sign of emotion. Inwardly he had a sickening feeling of having lost before the battle. His voice, however, was smooth and controlled.

"I didn't realise that things had gone so far. Are you sure of your facts?"

"Positive!" she declared. "I don't know when the marriage will take place, but they are certainly engaged."

"Then why this secrecy? Why is she still working?"

"Because she realises the sheer impossibility of such a match. In the circumstances it would be unnatural if she married Drake. You must see—"

"Yes, yes, I understand that. . . Is she in London now?"

"I believe so. Of course, I know very little about her movements. But I'm absolutely certain of the fact that she is in love with Drake."

Lady Crittal did not add that she had verified this from servants' gossip. With narrowed eyes she watched the effect on Hugh.

She fancied that his tanned face had deepened its colour. After a slight irresolution a hard, determined light entered his eyes.

"It is good of you," he said politely, "to take all this trouble. I understand your motive perfectly, and in a sense I suppose I can represent the furthest home family. I will tell them exactly what you've told me, and I may even see Shelagh myself."

"I only did," added Lady Crittal, concealing her satisfaction, "what I considered to be my duty. It is no affair of mine, but when I saw that poor girl with no one to advise her—"

"My dear Lady Crittal, I assure you," said Moyson, "that I understand."

CHAPTER XVI.

Blue and orange lights were playing on the ballroom at the New Paris Club. It was crowded to suffocation, and the tables on each side were occupied by those who could find no room to dance. Coloured streamers trailed across the balconies, entwined feet and arms and neck in paper coils. Balloons were floating above the heads of the gay throng like brilliant bubbles. The orchestra was approaching the end of a haunting, eastern waltz as the lights changed now to purple and green.

The effect was to produce either an uneasy pallor or a hectic flush on the faces of the dancers. By this time many of them were showing signs of fatigue, but champagne popped and fizzed merrily at the tables, and was a welcome restorative.

Perhaps the most tireless of anyone was Shelagh. In new evening frock of rose pink tulle, which clung fairly tightly, according to the latest vagary of fashion to her slim figure, she danced with the lightness of thistle-

down. At her waist she wore a cluster of rosebuds.

She clung, almost eagerly to Drake, infusing her enthusiasm for the dance. At her impulse, as soon as they moved in a cleared space they spun dizzily, and then resumed the graceful steps of the waltz.

Once, Drake was seen to lean forward and whisper something close to her ear. She coloured, her red lips parted in a delicious laugh, and Drake's arm tightened possessively around her waist.

At last, the waltz died softly away. Lights blazed up again in white crudity. A burst of applause everyone wandered from the floor.

"You are dancing quite well," said Shelagh, as they reached their table.

Drake smiled, but he was exhilarated by her praise. He had tried hard and evidently he had succeeded.

With a perfect partner all things are possible. One day I may even try the tango.

"Why not? You have a good sense of time—and I believe you are beginning to like dancing."

"I'm becoming less of a hermit," he replied. "What about another bottle of champagne?"

"Not for me. . . And you must be careful. I prefer you sometimes as a hermit."

Despite her protest, he beckoned imperiously to a passing waiter. She lit a cigarette and studied him thoughtfully through half-closed lashes.

He was changing. When she first met Drake he was hard and old beyond his years. He was almost an ascetic, extracting the utmost from every second of the day. He was dominated by the one ambition to succeed as a financier, to gain the power that comes of having one's fingers on the pulse of the world's wealth.

He scorned the usual pleasures that riches bring. He shunned the company, not only of women, but of other men, unless it were in his business interest to meet them. He lived in strange isolation, in a cold, colourless world, shunning, and denying himself—for what?

That was the question he now asked. The coming of Shelagh had transformed his life. She had shown him new horizons, thrown upon him the spell of a mysterious glamour. She had filled him with urgent, bewildering desires; flung open the gates of a new and enchanting universe of which she was the centre.

The Wine of Life.

It was as though he had tasted the very wine of life. Nothing he had ever accomplished seemed worth while compared with winning her love.

This was what was passing, only half articulated, through his mind. And Shelagh was aware of the change. She knew that every day she had become more and more essential to him. She even deliberately played upon his feelings, used a conscious coquetry to bind him more absolutely.

Now he was the captive of her merest caprice. She held his very soul prisoner. The time was ripe for the revenge she had planned.

It would be dangerous to let things drift any further. It was time now to form some definite plan of action. Certainly it would be more difficult than she had imagined at first, but she must not shrink.

"You are thoughtful," said Drake, glancing at her keenly. "Are you sure you are enjoying yourself?"

"I'm a bit tired."

"No wonder after a hard day's work. Tell me, Shelagh, when are you going to end this intolerable waiting?"

"Soon!" she replied ambiguously. "You mean that?" Drake was tense with eagerness. "Can I announce the engagement? By this time we must have been seen a great deal together."

"No," she said hastily, "don't make anything public yet. I'm not sure."

"But you'll make yourself ill with overwork. Frankly I'm anxious about you. I'm half inclined—"

his tone was serious despite the smile—"to give you the sack."

Her eyes rested on his for a moment; but they fell before the intensity of his gaze.

"I'm in earnest," he declared. "I feel I'm enjoying myself at your expense. You must either give up work or take a holiday."

"But I assure you I'm all right."

You are not. In the last month you've become paler and thinner. Your nerves are on edge. Why, Carlist was telling me you have a dread of travelling by tube."

"Then I'll go by taxi and charge the office."

"It isn't a matter for joking. I'm honestly worried. In fact I'm going to insist that you take a holiday."

"STOLEN WIFE" CASE.

POLICE CHIEF'S SYMPATHY FOR ACCUSED MAN.

Frederick James Ward, a pensioner, appeared on remand at Canterbury recently on a charge of malicious damage to a car belonging to Frederick John Court, of Simla, Diamond-road, White-stable.

Ward, in a statement which was read accused Court of stealing his wife and said that he put the car in motion whereby it went over the cliff.

Court said the car was a wreck. Cross-examined by Superintendent Ford, Court said that there was some truth and some lies in Ward's statement.

Superintendent Ford—Do you think you would have gone as far if Ward had been a stronger man?

The Bench stopped Superintendent Ford, who said he expected it, but he felt very strongly for Ward.

Court, cross-examined by Ward, admitted that he did not sleep at Simla, and that he only went there to garage his car.

Ward—Did you ever come to my house to see my wife when I was lying ill upstairs?—No, I only went there out of friendship.

Ward—What! Friendship at night, while I was suffering from my blood. Have you not given me every cause to be disturbed mentally apart from my bodily sufferings?—I don't know.

The Chairman pointed out to Ward that this hardly affected his case.

Ward—I am trying to show that the action of this man led up to this act which I suppose I have committed. Court is a veritable Blue-beard, and will go to any length to gain his desires on any woman, and he usually chooses a good woman.

Ward, who reserved his defence, was committed for trial. Bail was allowed.

FORGERY AS A FINE ART.

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Some time ago a Swedish forger was sentenced to nine months' hard labour for counterfeiting Bank of England notes so cleverly that the banks accepted them without hesitation. The method of reproduction invented was found to be so valuable that a syndicate was formed in Sweden to exploit the invention, which has now been thoroughly tested with excellent results, and applications for patents have been filed in thirty-one countries. The method, although based on previous processes, is understood to establish an entirely new principle, and has since been perfected so as to make it suitable for three-colour printing.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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"I'll think it over. Perhaps a long week-end," he said emphatically.

"Nonsense!" he said emphatically. "I'm going to put you in charge of my mother until she releases you. I mean to take you off to Devon again, if you have to be kidnapped first."

Before he finished speaking the orchestra struck up a catchy fox-trot. There was a general stir and the floor rapidly began to fill.

"We'll make this the last dance," said Shelagh, suddenly rising.

But as Drake placed his arm around her the lights seemed to blur, and the sound of the music became muffled and distant. He was speaking to her, but she could not distinguish the words. She was in the grip of a sudden emotion, causing her heart to throb madly.

"I must end this," she told herself, checking a convulsive movement of her lips with her teeth.

"I must tell him that—that I don't love him—that he's been fooled!"

But it would be hard, harder than she had ever dreamed. For deep in her heart she was fighting against the terrifying truth, that she did not want this man to pass out of her life, that she was beginning even to care.

(To Be Continued.)

CONSERVATIVES IN COUNCIL.

PREPARING FOR THE ELECTION.

NEEDS OF INDUSTRY.

A speech on rating reform by the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the reassertion of the earnest desire of the Conservative Party for an extension of the policy of Safeguarding were the leading incidents of the half-yearly meeting of the Central Council of the National Union of Conservative and Unionist Associations held recently at the Hotel Cecil.

Mr. Churchill not only gave a clear exposition of the Government scheme, but indicated that this question will be that on which the General Election next year will be mainly fought.

Representatives were present from most of the constituencies of England and Wales; and, as on previous occasions, a marked increase in the number of working men and women sent up by local associations.

The members of the Executive Committee of the Union, the majority of whom are elected by the Council, were present in force, and many members of both Houses of Parliament were on the platform. Colonel Gretton, M.P., Chairman of the Union, presided.

No Policy of Dole.

A motion congratulating the Government on its rating reform scheme was proposed. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, when he rose to speak to the motion, was received with much cheering. He described the manner in which production was hampered by the rating burdens.

The Government, Mr. Churchill declared, considered that the system of taxing the plants and tools of production instead of the profits arising from their use was essentially unsound—(hear, hear)—and which never would have been tolerated in England if it had not gone on so long that "the memory of man runneth not to the contrary." It was entirely unsuited to the conduct of modern industry.

"What is the Government's scheme?" asked Mr. Churchill. "It relieves the necessitous areas in an important manner, but it does not relieve them by giving them dolo; it relieves them through the application of sound general principles, which cannot vary between one district and another, but which, having been most carefully considered, are capable of universal application to the country as a whole, and will produce the beneficial result of correcting the present injustices which are observed."

Sound Economics.

If the people of the country meant to have this great scheme of

relief they would have to fight for it in the year that lay before them. The issue would be whether industry and agriculture were to be relieved or whether the money was to be intercepted and cast away by political partisanship and obstruction.

"We have a year before us," said Mr. Churchill, "and we have a programme which, as I say, has only to be learnt by the speakers of the Conservative Party to command the attention of democratic audiences in every part of the country. (Hear, hear.) There is not a constituency in which you cannot point to factories which are on the borderline of closing down, and which will be able to continue and to keep their people in employment, and that will react upon the shopkeepers and the whole of the trade of the district."

"There is not a part of the country, and there is not a trade, which is not one way or another affected, and affected, mind you, through the application of a perfectly sound economic principle, which, having been observed and proclaimed, must be applied without fear, favour, or affection."

"We have that task before us. You must be armed and equipped to argue these matters. You must continually exert yourselves to gather together all your strength for carrying this policy through, and, as I say, it is a policy which, although it requires to be stated in detail—and there are a lot of prosaic details—nevertheless holds together."

Safeguarding.

With only two dissentients it was resolved on the motion of Captain Peter MacDonald, M.P., seconded by Mr. P. J. Hannon, M.P.

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Both members dwelt on the advantages which had derived from the measures already taken, and Mr. Hannon said, amid cheers, that rating reform and safeguarding combined would make the strongest appeal at the next general election.

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BAND CONCERT.

PROGRAMME FOR FRIDAY EVENING.

Fine weather is now all that is required to ensure the success of the first of this season's Promenade Concerts organised by the Concert Committee of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, which is due to take place at the Volunteer Headquarters on Friday evening, commencing at 9.15.

Mr. W. H. Fitz-Earle, A.R.C.M., the Bandmaster of the 2nd Battalion The King's Own Scottish Borderers, has arranged a very fine programme of band music, including a number of well-known and favourite selections. The soloist for the evening will be Mrs. C. C. Womack, who is singing to band accompaniment, "The Heart of a Rose" (Nicholls) and "Berceuse de Jocelyn" (Godard). The full band programme is as follows:

Grand March, "Spirit of Pageantry," (Fletcher).
 Overture, "Maritana," (Wallace).
 Selection, "Line Time," (Schubert).
 Cornet Solo (Echo), "Sizilietta," (Bloni).
 "Aloha" Septette.
 Alpine Scene, "Les Echo des Bois," (Dumore).
 Overture, "William Tell," (Rossini).
 Three Dances, "Henry VIII," (German).
 Selection, "The Gondoliers," (Sullivan).

It is to be hoped that there will be a large attendance at what is hoped to be the initial concert of a series.

CANTON EDUCATION.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING TO BE ERECTED.

Marshal Li Chai-sum, before his recent departure for the North, proposed that a sum of \$300,000 be raised from all districts of the province to construct an administrative building for the Department of Education. The proposal was submitted to the Branch Political Council for consideration, and has now been approved.

It is claimed that education plays a very important role in the reconstruction of the country, and since the Department of Education is the central control of the provincial educational administration, supervising and directing all educational matters throughout the province, it is fitting that a suitable building be built to house this department, and serve as headquarters. At present the Education Department occupies the former premises of the Kwang Ngar Library, on Man Tak Maloo, but these premises are old and entirely unsuitable for the requirements of the department.

At the 72nd meeting of the Provincial Government Council, it was decided to instruct the Department of Finance and the Department of Reconstruction, in consultation with Hsu Sung-ching, member of the Council, to draft plans for this matter. It was also subsequently decided that part of the funds raised be used for the reconstruction of the Confucius Temple.

CHINESE AFFAIRS.

T. V. SOONG IN PEKING.

Peking, July 17.
 T. V. Soong arrived to-day and is staying in the northern part of the city. His coming caused an immediate rise in bonds.

Shansi Political Council.

It is learned that Yen Hsi-shan is going to Talyuan when Chiang Kai-shek leaves Peking, in order to inaugurate the Shansi Political Council, whereafter he will go to Nanking by railway to attend the Fifth Plenary Conference. He will return to Peiping about the middle of August.—Reuter.

Delegate Arrives.

Mukden, July 17.
 The first delegate sent by Chiang Kai-shek, Liu Kwang, arrived yesterday and was cordially welcomed by Chang Hsueh-liang. Lu Jung-kwan, president of the Chinese Eastern Railway, and Manchurian peace delegate, has left for Nanking. Yang Yu-ling arrived this afternoon after completing his preparations for the defence of Shanhaikuan.—Reuter.

Difficult Questions.

Peking, July 17.
 The Fengtien delegates are still in Peking. This afternoon, it is understood, they referred to Chang Hsueh-liang certain preliminary proposals made by Chiang Kai-shek and are awaiting a reply from Mukden. When that comes they may leave for Mukden to lay more definite terms before Chang Hsueh-liang. In the meantime negotiations between the delegates and Chiang Kai-shek's subordinates continue. At least two difficult questions have to be surmounted,—first, whether the present leaders will be allowed to remain in control in Manchuria or whether Kuomintang nominees will replace them, and the second, the return of the rolling stock, which it is reported Chang Hsueh-liang is willing to return half but Chiang Kai-shek demanding all.

The question of supplanting the leaders may be made easier for the Kuomintang if the Manchuria generals quarrel among themselves as seems not improbable.—Reuter.

KOWLOON ACCIDENT.

GOVERNMENT CAR COLLIDES WITH MOTOR LORRY.

A Government motor car was involved in an accident in Nathan Road yesterday afternoon, when it came into collision with a lorry carrying a load of bricks, at the entrance to Kimberley Road.

It appears that both the motor car and the lorry were travelling along Nathan Road towards the direction of Yaumatei from Kowloon. On nearing the turning into Kimberley Road, the driver of the car, which was behind the lorry, accelerated in an endeavour to pass the slower vehicle. The lorry, however, turned to proceed down Kimberley Road with the result that the two vehicles collided.

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MAN AND WIFE SHOT.

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A married couple was recently shot in Canton for falsely accusing others of being communists. The woman had been a member of the Service Squad of the Garrison Headquarters, but had been dismissed for malpractice, says the Canton Gazette.

The husband was heavily in debt and with his wife conceived a plot by which he would be rid of his creditors. The two concocted a letter charging that certain people were members of the communist party. The letter was sent anonymously to the Garrison Headquarters whose forces took action and apprehended the persons named.

On investigation one of the detained persons recognised the handwriting of the letter, protested his innocence and said it must have been a plot to get rid of him since the writer of the letter was indebted to him. The promissory note was produced in support of this man's protest. The Secret Service Corps acted on this testimony, and on finding further evidence of the conduct of the guilty pair, submitted the latter for trial by military law, when they were found guilty and sentenced to death.

The holder of the promissory note was released.

Athens, June 20.—The Italian fleet, consisting of three Dreadnoughts, two cruisers, and 17 destroyers, arrived at Phaleron (harbour of Athens) to-day, and will remain till June 27. The programme of festivities includes re-arrangement of the Italian Legation, and a visit of the Admiral to the President at Hydra. The fleet's visit is a sign of the improvement in Greco-Italian relations.



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NATIONAL FINANCE.

KWANGTUNG TRIES TO KEEP ITS OWN REVENUES.

Nanking, July 11. The dramatic feature of the National Finance Conference's last meeting yesterday was the rejection of the Kwangtung proposals that as she had incurred large debts since the formation of the Republic she should be allowed, for the space of at least one year, to work out her own tax schemes independent of the Finance Ministry, with special reference to cigarettes, salt, gambling and opium.

The delegates were almost to a man firmly against the proposal, acceptance of which would mean the negation of a unified government. The Chairman, Mr. Soong, said that, while for two years Kwangtung had borne the brunt of expenses for the northern campaign, and due consideration would accordingly be given her, the general principle of unification of finance must be applied to all alike. The Ministry realising the complexity and diversity of the provinces would of course sympathetically view any special problems brought up by the provinces, subject however to the demands of national interests. The Chairman's proposal was accepted with general approval.

National and Provincial Revenue.

The general programme of financial unification was adopted in its entirety; it consists of two parts: (1) Financial policies which aim at the improvement of the country, the fair distribution of revenue, the definite apportionment of responsibility, and the elimination of waste, and (2) Economic policies, which aim at the development of the country's resources and industries and the expansion of trade. The following is a summary of the main recommendations.

Demarcation of national and provincial revenue and disbursements shall be entrusted to the Ministry of Finance subject to Government approval. There will be quarterly reports on working.

All revenue belonging to the Ministry of Finance shall be remitted direct to the Central Treasury without being detained.

Both military and civil expenditure shall be approved by the National Government; no payment is allowed without permission from the Central Government.

Receipts, disbursements, deposits, and auditing of the Government's finance shall be strictly under the control of the Ministry of Finance.

Customs Salt and Land.

1. A new national tariff schedule shall be prepared before the declaration of tariff autonomy. Pending tariff autonomy, foreign imports of a similar variety to native products on which an internal levy is collected, shall also be liable to a consumption tax like native products.

After tariff autonomy comes into force all imports shall be liable to only one tax—no further levies being collectable. How-

ROBBERS' FEAST.

EUROPEAN LADY'S HOUSE RANSACKED.

The residence of Mrs. De Coudray at No. 63D Wong-Nai Chung Road was ransacked by robbers during her absence from the house on Sunday last.

It is learned that Mrs. De Coudray left her house in the morning and did not return until 10 p.m. that night, when she found everything in great disorder.

An examination showed that articles valued at about \$200 were stolen by the visitors and in addition there appeared unmistakable signs that the robbers had time enough to prepare a meal in the house and eat it at leisure.

A large quantity of preserved fruits in tins were either eaten or thrown away, the robbers opening many cans to satisfy their curiosity. They showed a particular fondness for jam and sweets.

A humorous part of the incident was the fact that the robbers, in order to obtain what they thought must be a high class European "punch," mixed five bottles of syrups with bottles of lemonades and sauce, which they consumed.

ever, the preceding provision may be adhered to as a measure of convenience, pending other satisfactory arrangements.

The salt tax throughout the entire country shall be unified and effective control of the salt fields secured as a pre-requisite for improvements. All land taxes shall be considered as provincial revenue.

Likin to Go.

The Ministry of Finance shall appoint a Committee for the abolition of likin. Kiangsu and Chekiang will abolish likin before the end of September and the other provinces will follow suit before December.

To make up the loss of revenue from likin, special consumption taxes (national taxes) shall be imposed on certain articles; but such daily necessities as rice, wheat, native-made cloth, etc., shall be exempted.

A graduated income tax and inheritance tax are recommended. All commercial taxes are classified as provincial revenue and the respective provincial authorities shall begin to levy the tax accordingly.

Recognition of Loans.

A. Domestic and foreign secured loans shall be paid as heretofore.

B. To clear up all unsecured foreign and internal loans, an impartial commission shall be appointed to investigate each case with a view to solving the problem justly.

The recommendation of the Economic Conference at Shanghai limiting the Army to 500,000 men and the current military expenditure to \$192,000,000 annually is endorsed unequivocally.

Economic Improvements.

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The official news agency Kuo Min's report of proceedings concludes as follows:

"The above financial and economic policies shall be carried out to the fullest extent possible, beginning from the current year. The Central Government and the provincial authorities have agreed upon the fullest co-operation and it is hoped that the new period of rehabilitation will soon begin with the carrying into effect of the many policies as decided at the National Finance Conference."

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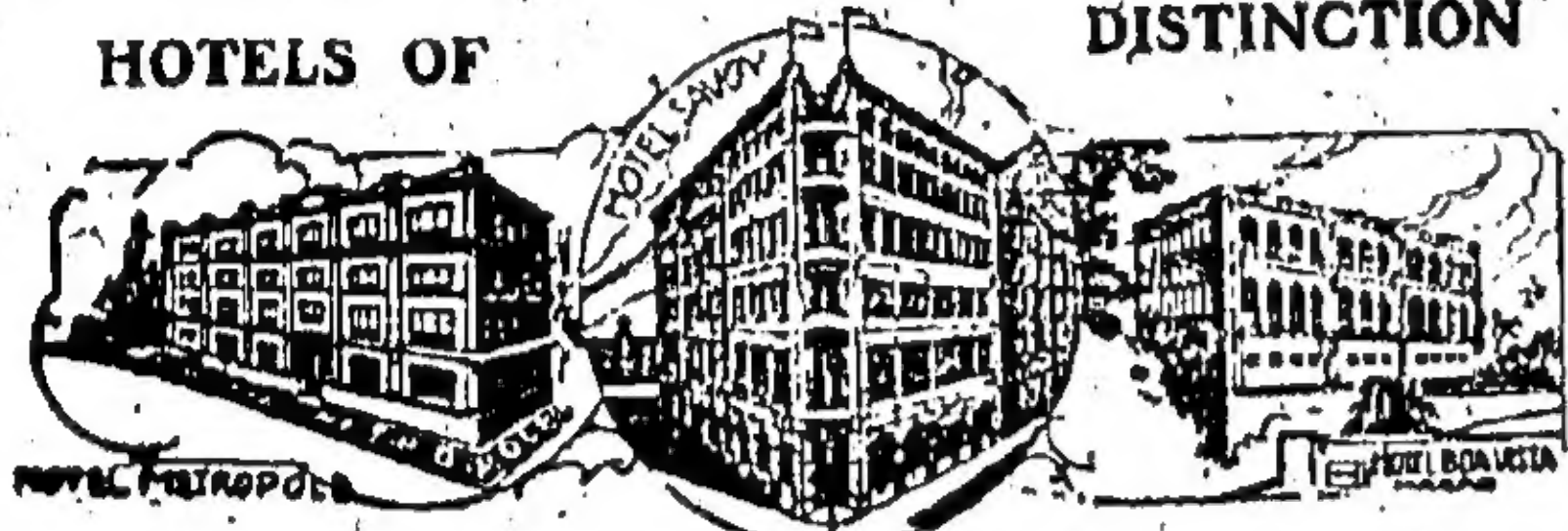
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S.C.A. SUMMONSES DEAD MAN.

PROPERTY REGISTER NOT
UP-TO-DATE?

NEW CIRCUMSTANCES.

A summons for allowing premises to be used for immoral purposes was brought at the instance of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs against Ho Kai-ye, Ho Kai-chee and Ho Kai-lai, the registered owners of Nos. 23 and 25 Peel Street, at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ, who was instructed to appear for the defence, at the outset said that in bringing the summons, the Secretary for Chinese Affairs must have depended on the register for the names, but the register could not have been kept up-to-date. There had been many changes since those names were first posted.

Ho Kai-ye first mortgaged his property and then disposed of it. Ho Kai-lai had been dead for many years, and Mr. Russ remarked he was afraid he could have no instructions from this man, unless it be through the medium of a psychic healer. There was only Ho Kai-chee left to him as a client, and he was the owner of a third of the property only.

Proceeding, Mr. Russ said that the previous tenants, who apparently had used the premises in an undesirable way, had been cleared out, and a new tenant, who was now mentioned in the present summons had moved in.

Mr. Russ submitted that his client had received due notice from the S. C. A. What notices had been served, were handed in at an address in Upper Lascar Row which although a registered address, had not been used for many years.

None of his client's people were there to receive the papers.

As regards the charge, Mr. Russ said that the new client was shown to be a respectable employee of a Nam Pak Hong firm, and was in receipt of commission amounting to as much as \$9,000 a year.

The summons was adjourned until Monday morning for hearing.

GEN. OBREON IS ASSASSINATED.

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Eventually in 1923, after agreement had been reached regarding the validity of concessions secured by foreigners before May, 1917, the U.S. recognised Mexico and other Powers followed suit. The trouble with the church began in President Obregon's time when the Papal delegate was expelled for contravening the law as to open-air services.

In December, 1923, during the Presidential campaign between Huerta and Calles, the former started a revolt which spread to 11 states and General Obregon took the field. Thanks to the support of the U.S. which forbade the supply of munitions to the rebels, Obregon carried the day. Calles was elected President and took office on December 1, 1924. His period of office expires on November 30th next.

A report that in September 1926, General Obregon had been kidnapped and murdered by Indian insurgents was proved untrue.

In October, 1926, Congress repealed the clause in the Constitution which prohibits the re-election of a President, but the law still forbids the same President to hold office for two consecutive terms.

HARBOUR PIRACY RECALLED.

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on, or have read out his statement made at the Magistracy. He chose to have his Magistracy statement read, after which he addressed the jury; his remarks mainly corroborating that statement.

The prisoner's witness was called and the prisoner asked him to say that he (the prisoner) was forced to take part in the robbery.

Witness replied that it was so long ago that he could not remember anything about it.

During his summing up, his Lordship told the jury that if they decided that the prisoner was guilty, they should also consider whether he was forced to take part or whether he did so of his own free will. He added that the sum of \$1,500 was given to the prisoner who professed not to know why he received the money or for what reason it was given to him.

After a retirement of about five minutes the jury returned a verdict of "Guilty," and added a statement to the effect that they considered the prisoner to have voluntarily assisted in the robbery.

His Lordship passed sentences of three years with hard labour.

THE CLAIM AGAINST CAPT. BARRETT.

JURY FINDS THERE WAS NO
MALICE.

Shanghai, July 17.

The case in which Mr. William Beatty, former Assistant Commissioner of the Municipal Police, sued Captain E. I. M. Barrett, Commissioner of Police, for Tls. 50,000 damages, has been dismissed.

The claim was based upon a letter written by Captain Barrett to Mr. S. M. Edwards, the Secretary of the Municipal Council, which Mr. Beatty alleged resulted in the Council refusing to renew his contract.

The jury without retiring returned a verdict for Capt. Barrett and found that he was actuated by no malice whatever. The defendant was awarded costs.—*Reuter.*

A telegram from our Shanghai correspondent states that the claim was for alleged libel arising out of statements in the letter complaining of Mr. Beatty's misbehaviour and inebriation.

THE RUBBER PROBLEM.

QUESTION OF ANGLO-DUTCH
CO-OPERATION.

Amsterdam, July 17.

M. Sanders, President of the Dutch Rubber Committee which is negotiating with other producers, declared, in the course of a speech, that the British, French, and Belgian growers had laid down, as a primary condition of co-operation, that native rubber must be included and that the Government must co-operate to that end.

M. Sanders is interviewing the Colonial Minister to-morrow. In the meantime, the opinion is expressed that if a solution of the problem is not reached, co-operation with Britain will be impossible.—*Reuter.*

ASSASSINATED.



General Obregon, the President-Elect of Mexico, who has been assassinated.

DARING PIRACY AT SINGAPORE.

ARMED CHINESE RANSACK
A JUNK.

Singapore, July 9.

A daring piracy—the first to be reported in local waters for some years—occurred in the early hours of yesterday morning, when a gang of armed Chinese boarded a junk off Seaview Hotel, rifled the vessel, and left her at anchor with the crew secured in the hold, where they were imprisoned for ten hours.

The junk was left Singapore harbour after midnight on Saturday, and while off Seaview Hotel was hailed by four Chinese in a sampan. Representing themselves to be revenue officers, the men called on the junk to stop, to be searched for contraband chandu. They were allowed to board the craft, whereupon revolvers were drawn, and the crew of five ordered to enter the exceedingly cramped quarters of the fore hatch, which was then nailed down.

The pirates anchored the vessel, and from their prison the crew heard the arrival of another craft, apparently a twakow, into which the general cargo on the junk was rapidly transferred. The pirates then left, and after 10 hours in the hatch the crew, rendered desperate by the close confinement and the heat, managed to break out. They then discovered that the rudder had been detached, the sails cut, and the oars thrown overboard. They hailed a passing craft and were towed in to port.

There have been no arrests so far, and with ten hours in which to get away the chances of the pirates in escaping safely with their booty are naturally very bright.

JAPANESE TREATY WITH CHINA.

NO NOTIFICATION OF ITS
TERMINATION.

WAITING ATTITUDE.

Tokyo, July 18.

It is learned officially that China has not yet notified Japan of any intention of terminating the 1896 Commercial Treaty, and the Government is therefore awaiting notification before deciding what attitude it will take.—*Reuter.*

Japan Opens Negotiations.

Shanghai, July 18.

The Japanese Consul-General, Mr. Yada, has gone to Nanking, for the purpose, it is understood, of opening negotiations for a settlement of the Tsinanfu incident, and also to discuss the question of the termination of the Sino-Japanese Commercial Treaty, which Japanese circles expect the Nationalist Government to denounce on Friday next.

The China Press publishes a message from Nanking stating that the French, Italian and Danish Ministers have replied to the Notes of the Nationalist Government on the revision of Treaties and the China Press learns that they are willing to proceed with the question of treaty revision on a basis of equality and mutual respect for national sovereignty.—*Reuter.*

The China Press information is similar to that published in the Telegraph yesterday.

Agreement With Manchuria.

Shanghai, July 18.

It is reliably reported that, prior to their departure, the Fengtien delegates reached an agreement with Marshal Chiang Kai-shek on instructions from Mukden. Under this agreement, the Fengtien authorities agree to hoist the Nationalist flag and to disseminate Dr. Sun's principles in the Three Eastern Provinces.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

Governor's Assassination.

Shanghai, July 18.

From Nanking it is reported that the Government has wired instructions to the Provincial Government of Sinkiang ordering it to investigate the assassination case of General Yang Tsang-shin, the Military Governor. The Government orders that a detailed report should be made to Nanking as soon as the investigations are completed.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

Tientsin Incident Sequel.

Shanghai, July 17.

Chinese reports from Tientsin regarding the stabbing affair of Saturday last, in which two Chinese coolies are said to have been wounded by a Japanese soldier, state that the Japanese Consul in Tientsin has replied to the protest lodged by the Chinese Minister of Foreign Affairs.

The Japanese Consul states that measures will be taken to prevent the occurrence of such incidents in the future.

It is significant that the Chinese police have paid compensation to the two injured coolies and are securing medical treatment for them.

Kuomintang Conference.

Shanghai, July 17.

The Nanking Government has wired to Marshal Yen Shi-shan urging him to attend the coming Kuomintang Plenary Conference on August 1st.

Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang has left Paochung for Shihsiang and will shortly proceed to Chenchow, Honan, where he will await the arrival of the Nationalist leaders from Peking and then proceed together to Nanking to attend the Plenary Kuomintang Conference.

Marshal Li Chai-sum will accompany Marshal Chiang Kai-shek to Chenchow to meet the "Christian General."

The Manchu Dynasty.

Shanghai, July 17.

Subsequent to the receipt of news from Dairen that a movement is on foot in Manchuria to restore the Manchu Dynasty, the Nanking Nationalist leaders have wired to Peking making enquiries.

The ex-Emperor, Fu Yi, is now in Tientsin and it is thought that he contemplates going to Dairen.

Minister to Japan.

Shanghai, July 17.

A report emanating from Nanking, says that the Government is contemplating the appointment of Mr. Wang Pei-chun, the present Minister of Communications, as Minister to Japan, whilst Mr. Sun Fo, the well-known Nationalist politician now on a tour in Europe, may be appointed Minister of Communications.

Mr. Wang Pei-chun is at present in Peking on an important mission.

Marshal Chiang Indisposed.

Shanghai, July 17.

It is reported in Peking that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is indisposed. He is said to be suffering from an attack of fever.

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